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Teen charged after assaults at high school

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COURTS A 17-year-old has been charged with assaulting two vice-principals and a teacher at Citadel High School Wednesday afternoon.

The teen's family brought him to Halifax Regional Police headquarters around 11 a.m. yesterday, Const. Jeff Carr said. He's facing two counts of assault, one count of assaulting a vice-principal with a weapon — a metal thermos — and uttering threats.

At 3:20 p.m. Wednesday, a suspended student came to the school's administration office and assaulted a vice-principal. A second vice-principal was hit with a metal thermos while trying to intervene, and a teacher was hit in the mouth as the student left the school.

The teen appeared briefly at youth court in Halifax yesterday. He can't be named because he's a young offender.

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Five more reports of sleep stalker

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Always a cell call away



Mayor Peter Kelly speaks with reporters yesterday in his office at City Hall. Premier Rodney MacDonald is threatening legislation to reverse council's decision to nix the proposed Waterside development.

Waterside vote needs overturning: Premier

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Rodney MacDonald says he'll use the law to overturn Halifax Regional Council's rejection of a downtown development.

"If it does take legislation I'm prepared to go that far," said the premier.

"I'm not prepared to let millions of dollars of investment go to waste. I'm not prepared to see jobs go by the wayside."

On Tuesday, council tied 9-9 on the Armour Group's Waterside Centre, effectively killing the project. Now MacDonald says he plans to force

the project ahead anyway.

"You have a tie vote holding up multimillion dollars of investment. That's simply not good enough. And at the end of the day the buck does stop with us, and we're going to take the leadership necessary to deal with the situation," he said.

MacDonald said blocking the project hurts the whole province in tough economic times. He implied the decision wasn't legitimate because several councillors weren't able to vote, and the newly-elected councillors hadn't taken their seats yet.

Mayor Peter Kelly entirely rejected that argument, and said MacDonald had no

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Premier MacDonald

right to interfere in council's decisions.

"If one developer, because he didn't get his way, goes down to the province and asks for protection and change, that's not due process. That's not fair to the process," said Kelly.

Kelly said the vote was "purely legitimate." He said some councillors were disqualified from voting because they missed public hearing, and if they waited

for the new councillors they'd have to start over from scratch.

"The public spoke, council heard it, debated it and made their decision. If there's change you're taking the public views out of the system and you're basically rubber-stamping projects," he said.

Kelly also insisted MacDonald was falsely characterizing HRM as anti-development, when several other projects have been approved and are ready to go.

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Move 'bad public policy,' says NDP

Rodney MacDonald wants to use legislation to overrule council and approve the Waterside Centre, but the opposition isn't playing ball. The NDP's Darrell Dexter called the move "extraordinarily bad public policy" and "a very dangerous proposal."

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said the premier already had a solution but didn't use it — HRM by Design.

The By Design plan was years in the making and finally completed earlier this year. It was sent to the legislature for approval, but the government never brought it up to debate before the session broke for the summer.

Mayor Peter Kelly says if the government wants to get involved, it should pass HRM by Design.

"If HRM by Design had already been approved, this project wouldn't even be on the books for discussion because it wouldn't have met that criteria," said Kelly.

The mayor said the government should put time limits on appeals to the Utility and Review Board to speed up approvals.

"Let's look at the processes in place, not override legislation because one developer doesn't get his way on one issue," he said.

MacDonald seemed to predict the conflict with his plan, and earlier in the day said he wouldn't be surprised if the opposition parties let developments slip away.

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Saint Mary's gets donation

Law firm McInnes Cooper has donated \$100,000 toward a new fitness facility at Saint Mary's University. It will be built in the spring, and will include the Tower, a new arena and a high-performance training link. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Protect your little goblins

Next Friday, pick highly visible costumes for your kids, make sure they fit well, and send them out with a flashlight so Friday-night drivers can see them, warns the Canadian Automobile Association. Halloween being on a Friday means trick-or-treaters must be extra-careful to avoid weekend partygoers on the roads. **METRO HALIFAX**

Cops seek intruder who entered homes and watched women sleep

PETER CUDMORE
for Metro Halifax

An intruder may have slipped into as many as eight unlocked homes near Saint Mary's and Dalhousie universities at night and watched women sleep.

Last week, police warned South End residents about a man who has been breaking into houses between midnight and 5 a.m. This warning came after three incidents, on Sept. 27, Oct. 11 and Oct. 12.

Five more women came forward with similar stories after hearing the warning. In each case, the woman awoke to find someone in her home and scared the intruder away.

All of these incidents happened before the media release on Oct. 15.

No new break-ins have taken place since the media release, says Const. Jeff Carr, media relations officer for the Halifax Regional Police.

Police are looking for a clean-shaven white man with a medium build, between 5'10 and 6'.

Carr says an officer is looking at similarities between these cases and the ones that happened in past years in the South End.

Three years ago, Shannon MacDougall fell asleep on a couch at her friend's house on Queen Street, at the corner of Tobin Street. She woke up, hearing noises at night, but didn't see anyone else in the room.

Then she looked behind the couch.

"There was a guy crouched down on his hands and knees who was clearly hiding from me,"

says MacDougall, now a journalism student at the University of King's College.

She screamed, and the man quickly moved out of the house — while keeping his back to her — and closed the door.

People are taking their safety for granted, says Elizabeth McCormack of the Dalhousie Women's Centre. She says people should ask landlords to ensure all doors close and lock, and put bars on basement windows.

The intruder has not physically harmed anyone.

HMCS Iroquois returns with special message

Tammy Pourier said yes.

The Dartmouth woman's longtime boyfriend had a message for her on his return from a six-month deployment on board HMCS Iroquois yesterday.

"Tammy Pourier will you marry me?" read the banner hanging from the side of the warship docked in Halifax harbour.

"I didn't believe it was me," Pourier said. "His father grabbed me (and said) 'Oh my God!'"

When Master Cpl. Bob Carter came off the gangplank, he got down on one knee and presented her with a sparkling diamond solitaire ring.

"Will you marry me? You really deserve this," said Carter, a meteorologist on board the ship.

The couple hugged and kissed in front of a huge crowd of onlookers who were curious to see the



Lt. Commander Josh Yanchus visits with his five-month-old daughter Abigail after returning home aboard the HMCS Iroquois yesterday.

lucky woman at the Halifax Dockyard yesterday.

The HMCS Iroquois spent the last six months fighting terrorism and piracy in the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea as part of Operation Al-

tair, Canada's contribution to the United States' Operation Enduring Freedom.

Capt. Brendan Ryan, HMCS Iroquois commanding officer, said their work focused on drug, weapon

and human smuggling.

The Iroquois spent two months in the Gulf of Aiden deterring pirates, most recently chasing them away from an Italian flagship under attack. **METRO HALIFAX**

Defence minister announces a chopper delay

MILITARY The national defence minister says Canada's new fleet of maritime helicopters should be in the air by 2011.

The first Cyclone helicopter was originally supposed to be handed over to the Canadian Forces, but the \$5 billion project has run into roadblocks.

National Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the delay is blamed on a strike at Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. and specification changes to allow the helicopters remain longer in the air. He said his government and Sikorsky are still in negotiations over the cost of the changes, which weren't in the original contract.

"While that may mean some delays, we're going to have a first-class maritime helicopter," MacKay said.

The minister said he hopes to have the new fleet sometime over the next two-and-a-half years. He said the contract includes built-in penalties, but wouldn't say whether the government will use them.

"We're going to insist that we get them delivered as quickly as possible," he said. "Clearly, we don't want to see naval personnel flying antiquated 45-year-old helicopters for much longer."

Canada is the first customer for the chopper, a military variant of a helicopter used by civilian industry. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

EMPLOYMENT

Canada's mining sector will need an extra 70,000 new workers over the next 10 years to meet the industry's projected growth needs, says a new Ernst & Young report. In Canada, 40 per cent of the industry's workforce will retire by 2014, and staff turnover is also very high. According to the report, the demand for technical talent such as engineers, metallurgists and geoscientists is greater than ever, yet the pool of graduates from universities with the right skill set is insufficient. What's more, the competition for skilled labour is driving up salaries, boosting overall mining costs, which are already under pressure from equipment shortages and rising raw material prices.

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Life savers head home

HMCS Ville de Québec completes humanitarian mission

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Knowing they helped feed about 400,000 starving people, the crew of the HMCS Ville de Québec left the coast of Somalia yesterday.

Since August, the Halifax-based ship has been escorting World Food Programme supply ships. Food shipments were in danger of halting altogether because of frequent and viscous pirate attacks.

Their escort mission ended yesterday as the Dutch took over and the Ville de Québec resumed its NATO duties.

"It's been a really feel-good mission for the guys despite a little bit of threat here," said Commander Chris Dickinson, commanding officer of the Ville de Québec.

As they sailed out of the area yesterday, they passed at least a half-dozen ships being held hostage by pirates for millions of dollars.

"It's pretty hard to understand as a Canadian because people have this vision of Pirates of the Caribbean and it's not. It's deadly serious," Dickinson said in a phone interview.

There was only one close call for the Ville de Québec.



A Canadian Forces CH 124 Sea King helicopter hovers and prepares to lower personnel to the ship's deck during a transfer exercise on HMCS Ville de Québec in the Indian Ocean.

Generally pirates don't want to tangle with warships and stay away, said Dickinson. But one day earlier this month, pirates attacked a nearby food supply ship.

"We were close enough in that case to head back at high speed and use our helicopter to get involved in that attack," he said.

"We escorted her back into Kenyan waters and in-

to Mombasa."

Over 3.2 million Somalis need food aid and 90 per cent of it arrives by sea. The Ville de Québec escorted 10 ships since August, carrying a total of 36,200 tonnes of food. That's enough to feed 400,000 people.

There's no doubt the crew felt good about their mission, Dickinson said.

"The third biggest con-

tributor to the World Food Programme is Canada so for us as Canadians on board the ship it's protecting your own food," he said.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said yesterday the HMCS Ville de Québec was literally saving lives because of the famine.

The Ville de Québec will return to Halifax in December.

N.S. murder rates tops in Maritimes

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CRIME The province's murder rate is the highest in the Maritimes, but middle of the pack in the country.

A homicide report was released by Statistics Canada yesterday. Nova Scotia, with 13 murders last year, has a higher rate than Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and P.E.I. (which had a murder rate of zero last year).

"We have the highest population of the Maritime provinces and plus we have the largest city as well," said Const. Jeff Carr with the Halifax Regional Police, who wasn't surprised at the province's placement.

Seven of those homicides happened in the HRM, including the murders of two men in May. Michael Paul Knott and Trevor Brewster were found murdered. Dartmouth's Glen Race was charged in connection with the crimes. He was arrested near the Mexico border and was convicted of another murder in New York. He is currently awaiting sentencing.

The Canadian murder rate is still dropping, but the use of handguns in murders has risen. Last year, handguns were used

Victims

Murder victims so far this year in Nova Scotia:

- Paul Saunders
- Gregory Fost
- Juamar Carvery
- Roberta Jollimore
- Daniel Newman
- Colin Carter
- Scott Hanlon

in two-thirds of firearm homicides.

That trend doesn't appear to be manifesting in the HRM.

"I don't believe there has been an increase in firearm-related offences in the past year," Carr said.

Out of the seven murders last year, two involved firearms and of the seven so far this year, only one was gun-related.

In an interesting statistical tidbit, Statistics Canada reported over 80 per cent of victims of solved murders knew their killers. But male victims are most likely to be killed by an acquaintance and women are most likely to be murdered by their spouse.

Carr said in Halifax more than 80 per cent of murder victims knew their attackers.

"If it's not 100 per cent, it's likely close. There have been a few random ones over the year but very few," he said.

Province may streamline use of trucks in downtown

ROADS The province is looking to streamline truck traffic in the downtown.

The Transportation Department issued a request for proposals for a feasibility study to create a transportation corridor running from Halterm container terminal to outside the downtown yesterday. The project could mean dedicating a few downtown streets for trucks only.

The province says creating such a corridor would reduce traffic and idling in the downtown, and support development of Canada's Atlantic Gateway, a government initiative to make the

city a major entryway for goods in North America.

Angus MacIsaac, the minister responsible for Atlantic Gateway, said this will increase the competitiveness of the Port of Halifax.

The province is asking companies to look at cost, environmental benefits, economic impact, and potential to enhance public transit and trails for cyclists and pedestrians.

The study is expected to be complete in early 2009.

The deadline for submissions is Nov. 14. The request for proposals is online at www.nscorridor.ca.

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A transport truck heads through rush-hour traffic on Lower Water Street yesterday.

Teens arrested after knife threat

CRIME Halifax Regional Police arrested four teens Wednesday afternoon after they allegedly threatened a 17-year-old with a knife.

At about 4 p.m., police said four youths wearing bandannas over their faces demanded the victim's iPod as he was walking on the Mainland Common.

At that point, they threatened him with a knife, and the victim ran away, leaving his backpack behind.

Police arrested two 16-year-olds, a 15-year-old, and a 14-year-old. No one was hurt.

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BUSINESS The Bargain! Shop will not be coming to Windsor after all. The former SAAN store location at the Fort Edward Mall was not included in the Bargain! Shop (TBIS) buyout as planned. "We're very disappointed," said TBIS CEO and President Michael Roellinghoff. Last August TBIS Acquireco Inc., owner of The Bar-

gain! Shop, had announced plans to purchase up to 93 of the former SAAN locations throughout Nova Scotia. Roellinghoff could not disclose particulars on why the purchase fell through citing confidentiality issues with mall landlord Crombie REIT, but he did add TBIS is not prepared to close the door on the Wind-

sor location just yet.

HONOURS Frank Berkelaar of Harmony, Colchester County, was inducted into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame. Berkelaar was recognized for his lifelong commitment to the agricultural industry in Nova Scotia. Agriculture Minister Brooke Tay-

lor says Berkelaar is known and respected throughout North America as a businessman and has readily shared his knowledge with others in the agriculture industry. The induction ceremony was held at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College campus in Bible Hill.

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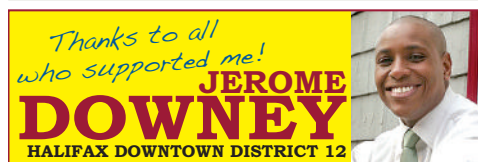


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Dalhousie University marketing and transportation professor Mary Brooks has been named to the Marine Board of the U.S. National Research Council. Brooks, an expert on maritime industries and transportation, was a 2005 Fulbright scholar and has won the Canada's Most Powerful Women Top 100 award. **METRO HALIFAX**



Man gets two years for setting fire to family home

COURT A Lower Sackville man was sentenced this morning to two years in federal custody after pleading guilty to setting fire to a Smith Avenue home in Truro.

Court heard that Dawson Raymond Moore, 48, was dealing with substance abuse issues when he set fire to the home of Jan Mills in February.

The couple, who had been in a relationship, were having difficulties at the time, and Moore reportedly started the fire in an attached garage with gasoline at a point in the day when he knew no one would be home.

"It's only fortunate no body was actually physical-

ly harmed when he decided to set fire to the residence that was shared by Mills and her children," Crown attorney Allison Brown said, during the joint-recommendation sentencing.

Moore was also ordered to pay more than \$3,800 in restitution for damage caused by the fire to a neighbouring home.

His two-year federal sentence included nine months of credit for time served while waiting out the court process.

"Woo-hoo, I'm a federal prisoner," he was heard joking to Sheriff's deputies while being led to a holding cell outside the courtroom. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Because I said so



As always, Erma Bombeck said it best: "If you call your mother at work 13 times an hour, she can hurt you."

Of course, Erma wrote this gem at a time when cellphones were the size of microwaves. She didn't know that in 2008, just about every child, and his or her mother, would own a cell.

Don't get me wrong. It's a terrific parenting tool. During the joy of the teen years, it tracks down off-spring and makes them come home.

Unfortunately, this

works both ways. The children called our cells 17 times during our recent "getaway" anniversary weekend. Not one call started with, "Congratulations!"

I have repeatedly said cellphone calls must include the words "blood" or "flood." Do they? You be the judge.

Eavesdrop on my side of the call:
• "You're seriously calling because there are no clean forks?"
• "Well, that's entirely up to you buddy — but I'm thinking it would be a good idea to wear a cup while playing hockey."
• "Sorry, but you do have

to clean up the cat puke. No, it will not wait until I get home."

• "Is your sister supposed to have 15 people in when I'm not there?"

OK, that last call was a semi-emergency. The boy wonder was worried. Oh, it didn't concern him at all that the younger teen queen had invited friends over while I wasn't there. No, he was a little bothered because she wasn't home either!

That's why a family cellphone plan is really handy. It's free to dial up a teen queen and yell for a really long time.

After years of trivial calls from my tots, I got a

taste of my own back this week. "I downloaded a ring tone for your calls on my new cell," said the younger teen queen. How sweet, I think.

You be the judge. To the tune of Justin Timberlake's I'm Bringing Sexy Back, her ring tone goes: "It's your mother calling back (yeah!)."

"Wastin' your minutes talking 'bout the cat (yeah!)."

"And tellin' you that your dad got fat (yeah!)."

"Don't you pick it up, don't answer the phone..."

In my defence, I only text about the cat. Anyway, I've got a new ring tone that is sure to get her attention:

"It's your mother callin' back (yeah!)."

"Not payin' your minutes no more. How 'bout that? (yeah!)."

Halifax getting new infection prevention and control centre

HEALTH CARE A new Centre for Infection Prevention and Control in Halifax was announced yesterday.

The province put aside \$217,000 for the centre, which will enhance co-ordination with health service providers and establish standards.

"Infection prevention and control programs are widely recognized as being both clinically and cost effective in preventing and controlling the spread of infections in health care settings," said

Health Minister Chris d'Entremont in a statement yesterday.

"Infection prevention and control programs are widely recognized as being both clinically and cost effective in preventing ... the spread of infections."

Chris d'Entremont

positions of director and consultants for the centre.

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Chickens are still fowl

PETS A provincial court judge has ruled against a Tantallon man's appeal to keep chickens as pets.

Trevor Smedley was convicted earlier this year for breaking a city bylaw by keeping chickens in a building on his Stillwater Lake property.

Smedley, a law student, appealed the decision with his argument there's no real difference between pet chickens and rabbits. But a provincial Supreme Court judge upheld the lower court's decision this week.

Smedley already removed all but one of his 13 chickens. He's being allowed to keep his last chicken, Fanny, until next August when his family moves to Boston.

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UNICEF Water walk



Lauren Dessureault, a student at Portland Estates Elementary School, carries a jug of water on her head as she and her classmates participate in UNICEF's Walk for Water event yesterday. Students watched a short presentation and then got a sense of what some kids in Africa have to go through to get fresh water — children in Malawi and Rwanda often have to walk for as long as 40 minutes to get water for the day.

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Transportation Safety Day

The Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission is hosting a Transportation Safety Day tomorrow from 1 to 4 p.m. at the MACPASS customer service centre, 465 Princess Margaret Blvd. Clean Nova Scotia will offer tips on driving green, and the IWK Child Safety Link will help parents learn how to install carseats. **METRO HALIFAX**

Springhill honours heroes of the 'bump'

Fifty years ago, and 13,000 feet underground, Harold Brine wondered if he would ever see his young family again.

Brine was one of 12 miners trapped in a small pocket inside the No. 2 colliery in Springhill, after the devastating Oct. 23, 1958, upheaval known as the "bump" trapped 167 working men. Seventy-five died.

As the days rolled on, food ran out and their lamps died, and Brine's thoughts turned to his family above.

Would he be remembered?

"I don't remember anything about the bump. I was two-and-a-half (years old) then," Bonnie Cole, Brine's daughter, said yesterday. She spoke as town residents unveiled a plaque that commemorates the event on its 50th anniversary.



Leah Killen, daughter of Maurice Ruddick, one of the last miners pulled from the No. 2 Colliery in Springhill following the 1958 "Springhill Bump," sings a song her father, who was rescued after spending nine days underground, wrote after being rescued.

"Dad always said he thought down there if his daughter would remember him.

Yesterday, residents remembered those who went back underground to rescue the living, and the volunteers who tended to the injured, the bereaved and the needy.

"What those guys did was wonderful," Brine said in front of where the No. 2 colliery once stood. "We were trapped in a little hole and they didn't give up."

Families, survivors, miners and friends stood against a biting cold wind yesterday to witness the

tragic anniversary and remember the tales of loss and courage.

Bill Kempt, whose father Gorley was trapped shoulder-to-shoulder with Brine in the No. 2, said it was a miracle when his father was found alive, but the joy was overshadowed by mixed emotions.

Doctor recalls mine descent

It may have been 50 years ago, but Dr. Arnold Burden can still remember when the grounds in Springhill shook. "I was in my office at the time," said Burden, 86. "It was about 8:10 p.m. and the whole town shook. It reminded me of a fighter-bomber dropping three bombs that went off in a fraction of a second ... bang, bang, bang."

"We knew instantly it was a bump, and we knew it was a bad one."

While his two medical partners went to the hospital to treat the patients as they came in, Burden went to the mines and, by 9 p.m., he was heading underground.

On his way down, Burden

said all the safety lamps went out, leaving very little light, but the rescuers kept on going down the back slope.

"At the bottom of the mine, we started into one of the levels and came across a dead man with his head crushed," he said.

The next survivor Burden and the other rescuers came across was completely covered in coal, says Burden, "except one side of his face and one shoulder."

By 11 a.m., three men were found and rescued.

"I didn't realize it at the time, but I had been 19 hours without any food or water, and 29 hours without any sleep."

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"I realized I was standing with a lot of people who were finding out their (fathers) were dead," Kempt said.

"Dad was very grateful to survive and be saved, but there was guilt to his own good fortune."

Springhill exhibited an act of heroism that day, Kempt said, but many of the men and volunteers who sprung into action have played down their

roles, and Kempt hopes that on this anniversary they will allow themselves to be held in high regard, not only for saving his father, but for the courage to make sure no one was left behind.

"It's the miners' code; you would do it for me," Kempt said. "None of them treated themselves like heroes, but they are heroes."

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Burnside may look a little cleaner this afternoon. Over 100 volunteers from 20 Burnside businesses plan to pick up coffee cups, cigarette butts and other litter on Windmill Road, Burnside Drive, Wright Avenue and Akerley Boulevard. Afterward, there'll be a BBQ at the Halifax Chamber of Commerce office at 4 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

Mackie speaks, kids listen

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When Calvin Mackie speaks to the crowd about oppression, he has a lot to draw on.

He grew up poor in New Orleans and his father's death was due in large part to Hurricane Katrina when he couldn't get cancer treatment.

But Mackie overcame an 860 SAT score ("Eighty-six per cent!" he excitedly thought at first) to eventually get a PhD. He'd go on to become a professor, published author and motivational speaker. Now he says his passion is inspir-



Calvin Mackie speaks to students at St. Patrick's Alexandra School about the challenges young African Nova Scotians face.

ing black youth across the world.

"Some of us don't want to succeed because we don't want people to look at us differently," he told

St. Pat's Alexandra School students yesterday. "Well, I was poor all my life ... and being poor is greatly overrated."

Mackie is in Halifax for

the Africentric Leadership Institute, a two-day youth conference about the challenges facing African Nova Scotian youth and how they can succeed.

The conference continues Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Pat's Alexandra and includes other guest speakers.

Mackie had the crowd roaring with laughter many times, but within the humour he wove in poignant personal stories and serious messages.

"Nova Scotia, this free education that many of us are walking away from may be the most expensive mistake we ever make in a lifetime," he said.

BMX Tricked out



Mike Dignard enjoys a little BMXing with his friends as he performs a turn-down trick at the Halifax Commons skatepark yesterday.

IWK Health awarded \$300K literacy grant

MONEY A research team based at the IWK Health Centre has won a \$300,000 grant to study whether hospital literacy programs offered to the families of newborns help kids' literacy when they're school age.

Researchers from St. Francis Xavier University, Dalhousie, UNB and UPEI, led by the IWK's Dr. Cyndi Brannen, will study whether provincial newborn literacy programs offered in the Maritimes

help improve literacy rates. In a news release, Brannen said many areas in the Maritimes have lower-than-average literacy rates. The team believes parents can improve their own literacy by reading to their children, which in turn improves their job prospects and their health.

Researchers will do phone interviews across the region. Parents of children up to three years old may be called, starting in January 2009. **METRO HALIFAX**

Worker falls from scaffolding

INJURY A man was taken to a Halifax hospital yesterday morning after sustaining major head injuries following a fall from scaffolding.

At 9:53 a.m., emergency responders were called to the Tatamagouche Gospel Hall on Blair Avenue, where the incident occurred.

"An approximately 55-year-old male fell approxi-

mately 12 to 15 feet from scaffolding onto a concrete surface," said Paul Maynard, spokesperson for Emergency Health Services. The victim was stabilized at the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital in Tatamagouche, but remained in critical condition during transport to the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre.

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News in brief

BUILDING A \$300-million terminal proposed for the Strait of Canso has gotten the green light from federal and provincial environmental regulators. That means Melford Terminals

can go ahead with plans to buy land in Melford, Inverness Co. and try to secure rail links, said Richie Mann, vice-president of marketing.

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N.S. won't run deficit: Premier

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Premier Rodney MacDonald says he won't run a deficit, despite tough economic times that have pushed Ontario into the red.

"We are not going to go in that direction. We will not have a deficit. We will balance the books," MacDonald told reporters yesterday. "It's the wrong direction for any government to move forward on deficits. It's a slippery slope."

MacDonald said he has "absolutely no intention" of adding to the provincial debt, either.

On Wednesday, the province of Ontario announced it would run a \$500-million deficit this year. Yesterday, Premier Dalton McGuinty said he

had a plan to get the province out of deficit, but didn't offer many details.

If Ontario becomes a have-not province, it could start drawing equalization from Ottawa, which would reduce the pot of money from which Nova Scotia draws.

But Finance Minister Michael Baker said not to worry; he expects Nova Scotia will run a surplus this year. Ontario's worsening economy, he said, shouldn't impact Nova Scotia's equalization payments for at least two to three years.

"Obviously we're very concerned about the effect that it's having on our revenues, but our economy, relative to Ontario, seems to be doing better. At this point, we anticipate that, no question, we'll have a surplus."

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Orangedale residents to get clean drinking water

CAPE BRETON Sally Chisholm says the long-awaited arrival of clean, safe drinking water in this community "will be a nice Christmas present."

The chair of the Orangedale Water Society said Wednesday that after years of waiting, this rural Inverness County community should have clean water flowing through to household taps by mid-November.

Most residents travel to Iron Mines, six kilometres away, to fill jugs with untreated spring water which they use for drinking and cooking. Gypsum deposits in the area prevent most residents from using private wells as sources of

drinking water.

Orangedale's poor-quality water has resulted in extended boil orders due to persistently high bacteria counts and skin irritations. In 2006, one 33-year resident told the Cape Breton Post that Orangedale water has always been so bad that he has never so much as used it to brush his teeth.

Work on the project began in September 2006 and officials had hoped to wrap up construction of a new water treatment system by the following spring. A five-kilometre water line has been laid, running from the water source at Iron Mines to Orangedale.

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News in brief

INDUSTRY The province is asking for public input on new regulations for crane operators that will allow new technology and try to improve the labour market for the industry. To read the regulations, go to www.gov.ns.ca/twd. Suggestions will be accepted until Dec. 8.

MINING Canada's mining sector will need an extra 70,000 new workers over the next 10 years to meet the industry's projected growth needs, says a new Ernst & Young report. In Canada, 40 per cent of the industry's workforce will retire by 2014, and staff turnover is also very high. **METRO HALIFAX**



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The long-running inquiry into allegations of sexual abuse in Cornwall, Ont., has been told to wrap it up and file a final report by next July. Called in 2005, the inquiry is looking into how authorities responded to a rash of allegations that children were being abused starting in the late 1950s and continuing for decades. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Child care award

Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois, left, received an award this week from Ontario child care advocates for her decade of commitment to the issue. Marois was minister of education and family in the PQ government in 1996 when Quebec brought in its popular daycare plan.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dion apologizes to Liberal caucus

LIBERALS Outgoing Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said goodbye to defeated colleagues yesterday and prepared the way for his successor as he faced his caucus for the first time since his party's humiliating electoral loss.

The meeting promised to be tense, with disappointed members airing their grievances against a lame-duck

leader they say cost them seats with his stubborn focus on the Green Shift carbon tax policy, and whose leadership never resonated with most of the caucus.

But during a series of farewells from many of the 21 defeated Liberal incumbents, who were each given two minutes to address colleagues, the

mood stayed low-key.

Although Dion didn't speak until the end of the meeting, he took the opportunity to acknowledge he had been wrong to focus so strongly on the Green Shift during the campaign.

"I made an error," Dion said, according to one Liberal MP. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

"I made an error."
Stéphane Dion

News in brief

DRUG BUST The RCMP and police in Australia have smashed a Toronto drug ring that sent a \$110 million "shopping centre mixture" of speed, ecstasy and cocaine to the Land Down Under stashed in footbaths. The

six-month investigation began in May when Australian police intercepted a shipment of footbaths from the Toronto area in which 54 kilograms of methamphetamine and cocaine were concealed.

HEALTH The chief medical officer in the Northwest Territories has confirmed one case of flesh-eating disease at Stanton Territorial Hospital in Yellowknife, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney listens to a question during a news conference upon the release of the Monetary Policy Report in Ottawa yesterday.

Ottawa to help banks compete

Canada reinforced its banking sector with loan guarantees yesterday in a bid to mute the impact of a global financial crisis that is forecast to push the country to the edge of recession.

The move mirrors multi-billion-dollar programs in the United States and Europe to restore lending confidence after a series of bank failures — many stemming from soured investments in bad U.S. mortgages.

"The government of Canada is acting today to ensure that financial institutions in this country are not put at a competitive disadvantage when raising funds in wholesale markets to lend to consumers and businesses," Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said.

G20 to meet next month

• Policymakers from the Group of 20 will meet in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Nov. 7, and Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney said yesterday that finance min-

isters and central bankers from the leading industrialized and developing countries should lay groundwork for a global reform of financial regulation.

ter Jim Flaherty said.

The global economic turmoil, which has slammed world markets and dragged consumer confidence to its lowest levels in decades, is expected to push Canada's economy to the brink of recession, the Bank of Canada said yesterday.

In its quarterly report, the central bank projected the economy would shrink 0.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of this year and would record zero growth in the first quarter of 2009. The

technical definition of a recession is two consecutive quarters of economic contraction.

Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney said he would not describe the economic outlook as recessionary, just sluggish, and Flaherty said he thought a recession could be avoided.

A steep weakening of the Canadian dollar could offset sliding commodities markets by helping manufacturers.

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Two defect to Quebec Grits

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY Quebec's minority Liberal government received a surprise boost yesterday when it gained two legislators who defected from the largest opposition party.

The defections from the right-leaning Action Démocratique du Québec mean the Liberals, who barely hung on to power in the March 2007 election, now have 48 of the 125 seats in the legisla-

ture. The ADQ defectors are Andre Riedl and Pierre-Michel Auger.

Auger told reporters

Polls

• Opinion polls indicate the ADQ — now down to 39 seats — would lose many of its legislators if an election were held in the near future.

that leader Mario Dumont was "a leader who has not listened to his legislators and doesn't let them contribute," while Riedl said the ADQ was "the party of one man alone who doesn't have a plan for Quebec."

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University dorms take on themes

EDUCATION With universities scrambling to improve the undergraduate experience, themed dorms, dubbed "living-learning communities," have become a growing trend.

Trent University in Peterborough, Ont., which added two new themed dorms this fall, has found that students living with peers who have similar interests are less likely to drop out than their peers in regular dorms, and have marks that are eight percentage points higher.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Undertaker banned from driving after threats

A drunken Australian undertaker who stalked a woman from his hearse, honking and making threats, was banned from driving for two years yesterday. **REUTERS**

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World

"He intended to be funny, not to offend anybody."

Arabian Radio Network executive Steve Smith on the firing of a DJ over his impersonation of God.

**DJ fired**

Virgin Radio Dubai fired South African DJ Revin John, left, for impersonating God on air in a sketch comedy skit, the show's management said Wednesday.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Greenspan shocked by crisis

Former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress yesterday he is "shocked" at the breakdown in U.S. credit markets and said he was "partially" wrong to resist regulation of some securities.

Despite concerns he had in 2005 that risks were being underestimated by investors, "this crisis, however, has turned out to be much broader than anything I could have imagined," Greenspan said in

remarks prepared for delivery to the House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

"Those of us who have looked to the self-interest of lending institutions to protect shareholder's equity — myself especially — are in a state of shocked disbelief," said Greenspan, who stepped down from the Fed in 2006.

With a general election looming Nov. 4, U.S. lawmakers were sharply divid-

Fed to crack down on scams

• The U.S. Federal Reserve is working with other regulators to crack down on scams that seek to take advantage of distressed homeowners by mim-

icking mailings sent out by mortgage industry alliance HOPE NOW, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke announced yesterday.

ed along political lines in either blaming regulators or bickering for failure to prevent the crisis that has gripped financial markets around the world.

"The reasons why we set

up your agencies and gave you budget authority to hire people is so you can see problems developing before they become a crisis," Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, a Califor-

nia Democrat, told a panel that included Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox and former U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow.

Republicans, for their part, singled out government-sponsored mortgage finance agencies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for their role in unsettling financial markets and faulted Con-

gress, which has been led by the Democrats since 2006, for failing to pass measures to rein them in sooner.

They angrily protested a decision not to hold a hearing on the mortgage finance firms, which the government took over in

September to restore financial health, until two weeks after the election.



Alan Greenspan

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McCain takes aim at Obama over economy

POLITICS Republican presidential nominee John McCain took his "Joe the Plumber" economic message on a bus ride across



John McCain

Florida yesterday, accusing Democrat Barack Obama of backing a tax plan that would endanger the teetering

U.S. economy.

McCain's broadside, delivered at stops throughout central Florida, prompted Obama to fire back that McCain's economic proposals would give corporations a tax break for shipping jobs overseas — a "Wall Street-first, Main Street-last" strategy.

McCain continues to trail in opinion polls both nationally and in many key states.

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News in brief

FRANCE A French court yesterday sentenced nine men to prison for belonging to an Islamist group accused of plotting to carry out bomb attacks.

ENGLAND Sex education classes will become compulsory for school children in England to help reduce the high rate of teenage pregnancies.

KOREA North Korea's state media said yesterday that reports stating leader Kim Jong-il's health was deteriorating are false.

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Mexico Oil industry protests

A woman gestures as federal riot police clash with supporters of former presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of the PRD (Party of the Democratic Revolution), and demonstrators try to block access to the alternative senate building in Mexico City yesterday. Mexico's Senate began passing energy reform yesterday to reshape the slumping state-run oil industry and bring in private sector expertise.

DANIEL ACQUARONE/REUTERS

China furious over human rights award

RIGHTS The European Parliament, in a move that immediately drew a tart rebuke from Beijing, awarded its top human rights prize yesterday to a Chinese dissident who was jailed for subversion.

While announcing the winner of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, European Parliament President

Hans-Gert Poettering called Hu Jia "one of the real defenders of human rights in the People's Republic of China."

"By awarding the Sakharov Prize to Hu Jia, the European Parliament is sending out a signal of clear support to all those who defend human rights in China," Poettering told the EU assembly.

Hu emerged as one of China's most vocal advocates of democratic rights, religious freedom and of self-determination for Tibet.

A spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, expressed strong dissatisfaction that such an award had gone to a "jailed criminal" and denounced the award.

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Watchdog blasts UN on corruption issues

INVESTIGATION The head of the UN internal watchdog accused the world body yesterday of laxity in rooting out corruption, as western and developing countries clashed over how the problem was being addressed.

The comments by Inga-Britt Ahlenius came as she presented a UN committee

task force

• The task force was set up three years ago following a

scandal over a former UN oil-for-food program with Iraq.

with a report by a task force that details its investigations over the past year into cases of alleged graft linked to UN contracts worth over \$20 million in

that period.

Ahlenius heads the Office of Internal Oversight Services, which runs the controversial and soon-to-be-disbanded Procurement

Task Force.

Ahlenius told the General Assembly's budgetary committee that the task force's 250 investigations had highlighted a "serious problem" of defective UN internal control that laid the organization "open to waste, abuse, fraud and corruption."

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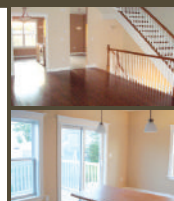
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The very brief rise and fall of Stéphane Dion as leader of the Liberal party will be a footnote in Canadian history, but it's just the latest chapter in a much longer political narrative — the central place of failure in every political career.

"I failed," Dion said succinctly this week, after announcing that he would step down as party leader as soon as a successor was chosen, though he remains in denial about the place his Green Shift plan had in ensuring that defeat. The party apparently won't be convening to select a leader until the spring, however, which gives Dion

a long time to twist in the wind.

We have a special place for failure in Canadian politics. Some names (Kim Campbell, John Turner, Joe Clark, Audrey McLaughlin) are synonyms for political failure, while Pierre Trudeau, arguably the most successful Canadian politician in living memory, is defined as much by his failures (the FLQ crisis, the 1972 minority government, wage and price controls, the NEP) as his successes (joining the G7, the defeat of the 1980 Quebec referendum, the 1982 Constitution Act.)

We even have a special place for legendary NDP leader Ed Broadbent, one

of the most beloved politicians in our history, and a man who was never able to lead his party to power despite it.

"Making sense of politics requires creating a narrative out of the usually dispiriting facts of political life, so failure is essential if we're going to try to frame a politician's life in the grander form of tragedy."

Failure doesn't even guarantee the end of a career; 13 years after the inglorious end of the only NDP government in Ontario history, former premier Bob Rae has failed upward into federal parliament, to only a heartbeat away from Dion's job.

Making sense of politics requires creating a narrative out of the usually dispiriting facts of political life, so failure is essential if we're going to try to frame a politician's life in the grander form of tragedy. Richard Nixon's career is a perfect model — ambition and compromise,

failure then triumph, followed by an even greater failure and disgrace. It's no surprise that the best biography of the man — Garry Wills' *Nixon Agonistes* — describes him in the language of Greek tragedy, while even Oliver Stone's film bio, recently reissued on DVD, adheres to the same trajectory despite the filmmaker's obvious distaste for his subject.

Of course, not every politician is allowed to buff their failure into something nearly noble through tragedy — despite the almost constant controversy of his two terms in office, it's hard to call Bill Clinton's career tragedy; bedroom farce is more apt. As for Dion, his moment in the national spotlight was too brief to invoke tragedy, and even from a slight remove it might best be described as a patfall.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Views

'Affluenza' — the buck stops with you

Christine Williams

It struck us suddenly and painfully: The global financial meltdown.

We blamed the greed of financial institutions, while the role of government was dragged into question, turning the popular tide against laissez-faire economics and calling for a more active role from government in monetary and fiscal policy. But at the heart of this economic disaster is consumer behaviour. In our aggressive marketing culture, we have been sold on the flawed ideology that material things are guaranteed to make us happier. This addiction to materialism has led to a con-

dition now known as "affluenza." Like the flu, affluenza is painful, contagious and socially transmitted.

Excessive wealth-seeking in consumerist nations is just what financial institutions depend on for profit. Take a look at Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, the government-chartered reapers of the American purse. These two financial giants operate in the secondary mortgage market. Simply put, they don't lend to you directly, but they ensure that funds are consistently available to the institutions that do lend out money to homebuyers. These lending institutions are now free to

give you more than you actually could afford. They don't care how you stress and struggle to pay back.

"In this time of economic uncertainty and stress, the best we can do is to target our resources toward battling 'affluenza,' which is resistant to attack."

They don't even care if you jump over a bridge, which is why they are now riding out the wrath of Americans, and rightly so. In Canada, we're not far behind in our debt load, so let's learn from this. Before we pass the buck to ravenous institutions and government, let's take a look at our personal roles in this. It takes two to shake hands on a deal. Even if institutional reps pay some price, they'll still be laughing all the way to the bank. How will that help you, particularly if you are drowning in a sea of

debt?

In this time of economic uncertainty and stress, the best we can do is to target our resources toward battling "affluenza," which is resistant to attack. The bug is programmed to give you messages that justify every penny you spend, like: "I deserve this so I'll opt for the long-term plan."

In fact, the affluenza virus lives in your brain and knows you well. It will concoct whatever excuse it takes to multiply itself and destroy its host. Your biggest hope is to recognize its symptoms and brace yourself for the full blown affluenza season, coming up in about a month and a half. So let's all be sure to boost our immunity with a shot of common sense.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.



Letters

Carl Peters, SACKVILLE

We are through two elections and I am amazed at how these went.

First, the federal one. Having to show ID sure didn't go well. And with really no one to vote for, why was the turnout so low? Because of the IDs.

No one even bothered to come around to meet the people. So here we have a

whole lot of people in Ottawa that we will never know.

Now on to the city election. It was the same thing — no one cared to come around to see us.

The new council will have to change its ways or be kicked out.

As for me, I want to vote, but if this is how they are going to be, then why bother?

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New York Times posts loss, eyes debt cut

The New York Times Co. posted a quarterly loss because of charges for job cuts, and added it is writing down New England assets such as the Boston Globe. Analysts say it could sell other assets, while S&P Ratings downgraded the stock to "junk." **REUTERS**

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Business

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Government buys \$7B in mortgages

AUCTION Canada's housing agency said yesterday that its second operation to buy mortgage-backed securities from banks under a \$25-billion program generated an average yield of 4.095 per cent.

The program, announced Oct. 10, is meant to help domestic banks free up cash for lending, as their costs have risen in world credit markets.

In the \$7-billion reverse auction, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said the high yield accepted on five-year securities was 4.301 per cent and the low yield was 3.814 per cent, which is a narrower range than was seen in the first operation a week ago.

When Ottawa conducted its first purchase last week, it bought \$5 billion of mortgage securities at an average yield of 4.241 per cent.

"The spread narrowing (between high and low yields) suggests that the auction process is becoming more efficient," said Mark Chandler, a fixed income strategist at RBC Capital Markets.

It could also suggest that fewer firms needed to rely on the program as much as they did in the first auction, he added.

The names and the value of securities sold by participating financial institutions are not made public. **REUTERS**

Big ticket convention organizers honoured

AWARDS Nine people were honoured by Destination Halifax last night for their work in bringing conventions to the city. They are:

- David Howe for the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada conference
- Bonnie Neuman of Dalhousie University for the Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada conference
- Fiona Black of Dalhousie for the Eighteenth Century Scottish Studies Society conference
- Annette St. Onge for the International Council

of Small Business conference

• Fred Dehmel of CSI Investigations for the Council of International Investigators conference

• Tom Sephton and Mike Sinclair for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea conference

• Valerie Bobyk for the Family Service Canada conference

• Doug Prothro for Canadian Sailing Expeditions for the Sail Training International conference.

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Home resale market robust:

The Nova Scotia residential MLS resale housing market is on track to almost match the record-breaking sales levels of 2007, according to the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors. In the first three quarters of this year, the total value of MLS residential sales was \$1.746 billion, less than one per cent behind the record set in the first nine months of 2007.

Ski hill up for upgrades:

Ski Wentworth may be in line for some significant upgrades if it's chosen as a site for ski events during the 2011 Canada Winter Games to be hosted by Halifax. While no decisions have been made or con-

tracts offered, Ski Wentworth's general manager said it would be a tremendous boost for the facility.

Small biz optimism down:

Small business optimism dropped this week and employment plans were scaled down as stock market uncertainty gave way to wider concerns about economic prospects, according to results from the third straight week of surveying by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB). Results show the Business Barometer index falling back to 91.1 from last week's 94.4 and to roughly the same level where it stood two weeks ago.

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Spain Nissan auto jobs killed



Nissan's workers protest against job cuts in Barcelona yesterday. The Japanese car maker said on Oct. 13 it will cut 1,680 jobs at its factory in Barcelona because of weak demand, particularly for vans and 4X4 models.

CanWest nears penny stock days

MEDIA Shares of CanWest Global Communications Corp., Canada's biggest media company, slipped into penny-stock territory yesterday amid analyst downgrades, an advertising slowdown and darkening outlooks in newspapers and television.

The stock fell 15 cents to 95 cents in Toronto, down from \$8.28 about a year ago. **REUTERS**

EnCana to stick by oil spinoff delay

GAS EnCana Corp. said it will not revisit postponed plans to split into natural gas and oilsands arms until market turmoil calms. The company also reported its third quarter profit tripled on rising prices.

The end of the spinoff of Cenovus Energy is just one of the changes forced on energy companies to cope with the U.S. credit crisis and the 50 per cent fall in oil prices. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

OIL OPEC ministers anxious to arrest a price slide and yet cushion the economy said they had decided to cut output, but had not decided by how much. One source pegged it at one million barrels a day or more.

OILSANDS Companies developing Canada's oilsands said yesterday they aim to cut spending on multibillion-dollar projects in response to falling oil

prices and the financial meltdown. Firms such as Petro-Canada and Suncor Energy are deferring upgrader construction and cutting budgets.

ELECTRONICS Sony Corp. slashed its annual operating profit forecast by 57 per cent to \$2 billion US, far below market estimates. Officials blamed a firmer yen and slower flat TV and camera demand. **REUTERS**

Crisis a big opportunity to acquire

Companies in sectors as diverse as fertilizer, pharmaceuticals and steel have one thing in common: They view the financial market turmoil as opening up acquisition opportunities.

Companies with strong balance sheets and the luxury of cash may pursue acquisitions even though most dealmaking has been frozen by the lack of funding available in the credit markets.

Overall, the volume of mergers and acquisitions has dropped 24.7 per cent so far this year worldwide, according to Thomson Reuters data.

Many of the recent deals forged amid the credit crisis were done under duress or timed to help ailing companies, such as the takeover of Bear Stearns by JP Morgan Chase and a planned takeover of Wachovia by Wells Fargo.

The next wave of deals could be powered by com-

"Investors consistently reward companies for selling, and sellers generally receive multiples expansion one year after the sale."

Carsten Stendevad

panies looking to take advantage of the market downturn to find cheap assets, analysts say.

And for companies with lucrative assets, it's equally opportunistic to sell in a bear market, said Carsten Stendevad of Citi Bank.

"Selling assets is emotionally difficult for most companies," Stendevad said. "Yet, the rewards from selling are clear: investors consistently reward companies for selling, and sellers generally receive multiples expansion one year after the sale." **REUTERS**

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ESPN reported yesterday that doctors are aggressively fighting an infection in New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's surgically repaired left knee. A person close to Brady told ESPN: "Tom is looking at months, not weeks, to fix this." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Brady's knee taking a turn for the worse?

Sports



No more Ocho Cinco jersey this year

The Cincinnati Bengals receiver formerly known as Chad Johnson said Thursday he'll wear his old name on the back of his uniform for the rest of the season. Johnson legally changed his name to Ocho Cinco in August, but Reebok, which produces NFL jerseys for sale to fans, had a large inventory of jerseys with his old name ready for sale. The NFL respected the receiver's name change, but said he couldn't wear "Ocho Cinco" on the back of his jersey until he compensated Reebok for the old jerseys that would now be a tough sell. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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NHL RESULT

Leafs 4 Bruins 2



THE SKINNY: Anton Stralman scored with 9:14 left to break a third-period tie, and Vesa Toskala stopped 26 shots as the Leafs come back from a 2-0 deficit in the second period to beat the Boston Bruins 4-2 on Thursday night. Mike Van Ryn and Nik Antropov also scored for Toronto.

THE SCRATCH: Jason Blake was a healthy scratch, ending his consecutive games streak at 179.

WELCOME BACK: Boston's Patrice Bergeron scored his first goal in over a year after missing all but 10 games last season due to a severe concussion and broken nose.

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Rays even up Series

WORLD SERIES - GAME 2

Rays 4 Phillies 2



James Shields threw nearly six shutout innings and B.J. Upton went 2-for-4 with a run batted in as the Tampa Bay Rays topped the Philadelphia Phillies, 4-2, in Game 2 of the World Series.

With the win, the Rays evened the best-of-seven matchup. Game 3 is scheduled for Saturday at Citizens Bank Park. Shields (1-0) gave up seven hits and two walks, but skated around and out of trouble to keep the Phillies off the scoreboard. He also struck out four. Dan Wheeler



The Rays' Rocco Baldelli is tagged out at home plate by Phillies catcher Carlos Ruiz in the second inning in Game 2 of the World Series. Tampa Bay went on to a 4-2 win.

tossed a scoreless inning of relief, while rookie David Price threw the final 2 1/3 innings, giving up two runs.

Carlos Pena and Evan Longoria hit RBI groundouts for Tampa Bay, which managed seven hits, all of them singles. Eric Bruntlett

hit a pinch-hit solo homer for Philadelphia, while Carlos Ruiz finished with a pair of doubles and two walks.

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Woman in net for Habs practice

HOCKEY Kim St. Pierre, the 29-year old goaltender for Canada's national women's hockey team was called in to a Montreal Canadiens practice Thursday when Carey Price sat for the second straight day with the flu. In 2003-04, she played for McGill University's men's varsity team and became the first woman goalie to win a regular season CIS game.

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Yanks' new park feels crunch

BASEBALL The New York Yankees' new Bronx ballpark is about 30 per cent over budget, a credit agency said Thursday, underscoring the importance of new tax rules that let the baseball team benefit from more municipal bonds.

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A ticket price decrease coming?

MLB owners might be ordered to reduce their ticket prices next season.

Sources tell Metro that, immediately after the World Series, MLB executives will assemble for private meetings to discuss sensible ways to operate in the slumping economy — and slashing ticket prices at every stadium will be among the proposed ideas.

The economic climate in the past season didn't cause major harm to the major leagues — they actually enjoyed record revenue of \$6.5-billion U.S. and attendance figures only percentage points below their record-setting numbers of 2007 — but baseball execs still deem it necessary to emerge with ideas to attract customers next year, when economists anticipate a global recession.

And one of those ideas would be to cut ticket prices.

That's good news for sports fans in general because, when one major sport comes up with a popular precedent, others often follow suit.

The biggest mouth in the NHL, and probably in all sports, belongs these days to the Dallas Stars' Sean Avery, who takes shots at opponents with

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bizarre regularity.

This week, Avery picked on new New York Rangers who used to play in Canadian cities — Markus Naslund and Wade Redden.

"The Rangers wouldn't pay me to stay but turned around and wasted good money to two other guys," Avery said.

"New York is a tough place to play. Naslund and Redden won't be able to handle it. They played in Vancouver and Ottawa (respectively) and it's pressure-free in those places. But New York fans aren't going to put up with those two guys if things don't go smoothly. They won't live up to expectations and then they won't be able to handle how the fans will treat them. New York will eat up both of those guys."

His name is Masami Tsuruoka. He is to Canadian karate what Babe Ruth was to baseball and Gordie Howe to hockey.

He is the father of Canadian karate. He founded

this country's first karate school back in 1958, is the owner of a 10th-degree black belt and is renowned throughout the world for his contributions to his sport.

And, this weekend, he is being honoured in a series of celebrations that ought to merit considerable attention. Tsuruoka, 81, "is one of the finest people I have encountered in all of sports," renowned sports lawyer Gord Kirke told me. "He is a living legend."

For details on this extraordinary man and the tributes planned for him, visit www.o-senseitsurroka50th.com.

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• The Tampa Bay Rays' Eric Hinske, a former AL rookie of the year with the Toronto Blue Jays, became the first major-league player in history to hit at least 20 home runs in the regular season yet fail to make his team's World Series roster. (This doesn't include injured players.) Hinske belted 20 homers, third on his team behind Carlos Pena and Evan Longoria, and he played extensively in the Rays' outfield when Carl Crawford was injured.

Demitra out

The Vancouver Canucks could be without forward Pavol Demitra for a month with a rib injury. Demitra has a fractured cartilage in his eighth rib and will be gone for three to four weeks, coach Alain Vigneault said yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Joey MacDonald says that while life in the New York area is fun, "the horns and sirens make you appreciate Pictou County even more."

MacDonald lovin' life on Long Island

Go ahead — try and ruin Joey MacDonald's day.

Tell the 28-year-old former Halifax Mooseheads goaltender that his starting days are over with the New York Islanders, now that starter and resident workhorse Rick DiPietro has returned from a knee injury. Mention to him that starts might be few and far between, especially when you consider DiPietro once played 31 consecutive games last season.

The Bayview, Pictou Co., native won't hear a word of it, because right now, he's exactly where he wants to be.

"I can't complain, I'm in the NHL," said MacDonald over the phone from Long

Island. "This is what it's all about, and I worked all summer to get ready for this season."

MacDonald is no fool. He knows DiPietro has a 15-year, \$67.5 million contract in his pocket — a contract that will last the remainder of both men's careers. He knows he doesn't carry the No. 1 draft pick status of his teammate.

But MacDonald — who made it to the NHL as an undrafted free agent with the Detroit Red Wings — plans on seizing opportunities when he is presented them, and one came when he started the first four contests this season.

The six-foot-one, 198-pound stopper posted a 2-2

record with a 3.50 goals-against average.

He was excellent in three of those four starts, although the Buffalo Sabres did a number on him on Oct. 13, scoring seven times on 35 shots in a 7-1 road victory.

Did that harsh reality check shake the affable netminder's sunny outlook on life?

Hardly.

"Every goalie has a game or two like that, where pucks are going in off shin pads and you can't seem to do anything right," MacDonald said. "That same night, I got home and turned on the TV. I saw that Marty Brodeur and the (New Jersey) Devils got beat

5-1, and he's the best goalie in the world. If it can happen to him, it can happen to me."

Off the ice, MacDonald is happy living in the Big Apple. New Glasgow's Jon Sim is a forward on the Islanders, and the two reside about eight houses apart on the same street.

"Jon's family and my family spend a lot of time together. When we're on the road, our wives and children hang out and you know they're happier to have someone from home around."

"New York is fun, but the horns, the sirens make you appreciate Pictou County even more."

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Sports in brief

GOLF Spain's five-time golf major winner Seve

Ballesteros will undergo a third brain operation today

to ease swelling from a serious brain tumour, the hospital treating him said yesterday. "The patient, Mr. Severiano Ballesteros, remains stable," Madrid's Hospital La Paz said in a statement, adding that the tumour was in a particularly difficult area for surgeons to reach.

REUTERS



Ballesteros

Curlin aims for Classic repeat

HORSE RACING Curlin will have some stiff competition from foreign invaders when he tries to win his second consecutive Breeders' Cup Classic tomorrow.

The winner of more than \$10 million US, four-year-old Curlin faces a stiff challenge from two of Europe's top turf runners, Henrythenavigator and Raven's Pass.

Kentucky-bred Curlin, winner of 11 of 15 career starts, has been sharp in preparing for the Classic.

"We're very happy with what he's done so far," said Curlin trainer Steve Asmussen, who led the chest-

nut to a 4½-length victory in the 2007 Classic at Monmouth Park in New Jersey.

The mile-and-a-quarter Classic culminates a two-day, 14-race Breeders' Cup beginning today at Santa Anita Park in the shadow of the majestic San

Gabriel Mountains in Southern California.

A record 26 horses from outside the United States will take part in the 25th annual affair, which will have purses totalling \$25.5 million.

Five races will be run today with another nine to be contested the following day, the first time the world thoroughbred championships will be held over two days.

A major question mark will be how the horses handle Santa Anita's Pro-Ride surface. Six horses in the Clas-

sic's field of 12, including Curlin, will be racing on a synthetic track for the first time.

Aidan O'Brien mounts a powerful challenge to Curlin with Henrythenavigator and Duke of Marmalade, two of the colts that have contributed to an outstanding season for the Irish trainer.

Both lost last time out, but previously lifted nine Group One races this season between them and are hardy campaigners.

"These two colts are as good as we've ever had," said O'Brien. "But they've raced hard all season and they haven't missed a dance and they haven't sidestepped a race."

Stable jockey Johnny

Murtagh has opted to ride Duke of Marmalade rather than Henrythenavigator, who has never raced further than a mile, but little separates the pair in the betting.

English trainer John Gosden has high hopes in the Classic for battle-hardened Raven's Pass who beat Henrythenavigator last time out in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot.

Curlin, ridden by Robby Albarado, is the early 7-5 favourite in the Classic, followed by Raven's Pass at 6-1. Japan's unbeaten but lightly raced Casino Drive is at 10-1.

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Colorado	3	3	0	6
Vancouver	3	4	0	6
Calgary	2	3	1	5

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	W	L	OL	PTS
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Dallas	2	4	1	5
Los Angeles	2	3	0	4
Phoenix	2	3	0	4
Anaheim	2	5	0	2

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Curlin, seen here ridden by Robby Albarado on his way to winning the 2007 Breeders' Cup Classic, will look for a repeat performance tomorrow.



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The Atlantic University Sport cross country championships will be held in Moncton tomorrow. The Dalhousie Tigers women's team has wins at the two AUS meets entered this year, while the men's squad earned second-place finishes. **METRO HALIFAX**



Former NHL defenceman Al MacInnis, a native of Port Hood, scored 1,247 points in 1,416 career games.

MacInnis welcomed to N.S. sport hall of fame

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The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame will welcome former NHL star Al MacInnis, one of the province's most accomplished athletes, to its prestigious ranks tonight.

MacInnis, a Port Hood native who is already in the NHL Hall of Fame, is one of four athletes being inducted at a ceremony at the World Trade and Convention Centre.

Now 45, MacInnis enjoyed a 22-year NHL career with the Calgary Flames and St. Louis Blues. He

won the Stanley Cup in 1989 and has a Norris Trophy and a Conn Smythe Trophy to go along with 1,274 points in 1,416 career games.

Joining MacInnis in this year's Hall of Fame class are Halifax canoeist Don Brien, multi-sport athlete Peter Corkum of Halifax, and Antigonish boxer Carroll Morgan.

Builders Arnie Patterson (broadcasting media), Wayne Finck (lacrosse) and David Fraser will be inducted along with the 1960-61 Amherst Ramblers senior hockey team.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m.

Sports in brief

AUS TRACK AND FIELD The Dalhousie Tigers have hired Peter Lord as head coach of their men's and women's track and field programs. Lord, a former athlete at Dalhousie, has been an assistant coach with the Tigers for nearly two decades. He will continue to serve as Athletics Nova Scotia executive director.

AUS RUGBY Atlantic University Sport announced yesterday that its women's rugby championship trophy has been re-named in honour of former St. Francis Xavier X-Women all-star Michelle Birks. Birks, a

member of the X-Women's national championship squad in 2006, died suddenly of a heart arrhythmia last year.

AUS VOLLEYBALL Former Dalhousie Tigers men's volleyball star Niklas Rademacher was named one of Canadian Interuniversity Sport's Top Eight Academic All-Canadians for the 2007-08 season. Rademacher, a former conference MVP, graduated with a bachelor of management degree in the spring with a cumulative grade-point average of 4.03. He is playing professionally in Germany this season. **METRO HALIFAX**

Moose down Drakkar

Herd revitalize Metro Centre crowd with entertaining win

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Mooseheads 6 Drakkar 4

The Halifax Mooseheads may have drawn another small crowd last night, but this time, there was a difference.

They gave the 5,302 fans in the stands a reason to come back.

The Mooseheads turned in an energizing performance in a 6-4 win over the Baie-Comeau Drakkar, revitalizing what has been a lifeless Metro Centre this season with heavy hits, entertaining fights and high-light-reel goals.

Although it featured two of the worst teams in the QMJHL, it was easily the best game of the year in Halifax.

"We're really happy with our effort tonight — we played hard, we battled hard, and we stuck up for each other," said first star Linden Bahm, who had a Gordie Howe hat trick.

"It really gives us a boost when the fans are into it."

The excitement began at 15:48 of the second with the game tied 3-3. The crowd's decible level went through the roof when Mooseheads blue-liner Justin Pender threw down with Nicolas Sigouin in response to some trash talk and a series of heavy hits by Drakkar captain Maxime Ouimet.

Pender, who soundly thumped Sigouin, showed-boated his way off the ice and his fired-up team-



Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Justin Pender drops the gloves with Baie-Comeau Drakkar blue-liner Nicolas Sigouin during the second period of last night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre.

mates responded.

Halifax scored their first of three four-on-four goals in a 97-second stretch just 14 seconds later. Logan MacMillan scored on two perfectly-placed breakaway tallies, sandwiching a sharp-angle goal by a struggling Yuri Cheremetiev.

"Justin turned the game around because he gave us all the momentum," Bahm said. "The guys loved it."

Pender, who also scored, earned a misconduct and watched his team's re-

sponse from the dressing-room hallway.

"It was a great feeling," he said. "I went out, Logan was on a breakaway and he scored. I went back in because I was exhausted, and when I came out again, he was on another breakaway. I was like, 'Is this a replay or what?'"

"The fight got the fans in it, and it also got the team in it."

Tomas Knotek had a goal and two assists and Ben MacAskill piled up four

helpers. Mark Yetman made 21 saves.

The Mooseheads, who are 5-10 and have won three of their past five games, will wear pink jerseys tonight when they host the Chicoutimi Saguenéens (4-9-1) at 7 p.m. The purpose is to raise funds for breast cancer research.

"Hopefully we're going to play the same way," Bahm said, before pausing briefly. "Even wearing pink."

Huskies, X-Men prepare for finale

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AUS FOOTBALL Tonight's game at Huskies Stadium could very well be a preview of the Atlantic University Sport football final.

But there is very little at stake for the Saint Mary's Huskies and St. Francis Xavier X-Men in the 7 p.m. affair, as the outcome will have no impact on the final standings.

Saint Mary's has already locked up top spot and a semifinal bye to the Loney Bowl, while St. F.X. has second spot and a semifinal date with the Mount Allison Mounties.

"This is one of those games that they're going



Huskies rookie quarterback Jack Creighton

to say means nothing, but my take is, it's going to be a pretty darn good football game," said Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah.

The first order of business for the Huskies is to

get rookie quarterback Jack Creighton as comfortable as possible heading into the playoffs. That means insulating him from the X-Men, who have the best defence in the conference.

Creighton may end up being the Huskies' go-to guy in the playoffs if star Erik Glavic can't return from a knee injury.

"Jack has had a good week of practice, but practice is one thing, a game is another," Sumarah said. "We're excited to get him on the field playing. The more he plays, the better he gets. The better he gets, the better chance we have to win."

On the injured list for the Huskies are rookie

running back Devon Jones (ankle) and veteran receivers Shawn White (general wear and tear) and Carl Hardwick (ankle).

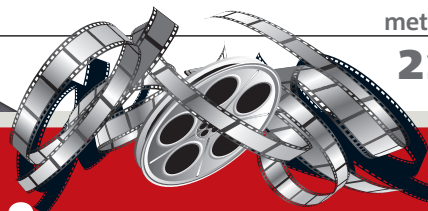
X-Men tailback James Green, an MVP candidate from Halifax, will be a game-day decision with an ankle injury.

The Huskies, who have had an inconsistent year, will look to work out a few more kinks before the AUS final.

"We feel we've had a seven-game exhibition season trying to figure things out, and this will be Game 8," Sumarah said. "The things we're doing well, we'll work on, and the areas we have to improve ... This is our opportunity to do so."

Seth selling out?

Funnyman Seth Rogen is shedding the pounds to play comic book character The Green Hornet, and he hates every minute of his weight loss. "I feel like a sell out, I feel lame, I feel like a guy I would make fun of," he says. IMDB.COM



Movies & Entertainment

EDITOR: TINA COSTANZA, TINA.COSTANZA@METRONEWS.CA**Movies**

Pride packs punch

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Pride and Glory, with its themes of loyalty and integrity, may cover familiar cop-movie territory. But the cast, including Colin Farrell, above, make the most of their material, giving audiences a respectably intense experience.

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We get some teenage help for High School Musical 3.

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Saw ups horror ante

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

FEATURE Toronto native David Hackl was nicely set up to take over the director's chair on the fifth film of the Saw franchise after being production designer on its three predecessors, and second unit director on the last two.

The new film arrives in theatres today virtually unseen, and so far the only thing we can say for sure is that the Jigsaw Killer, the villain of the first three films, was definitely dead in the fourth, but there are no assurances that he's gone.

Such is the world of the Saw films, begun four years ago by director James Wan, a place where reality is a slippery as morality, and the only thing you can be sure of is that a lot of people will die horribly by the time the credits roll. Along with Eli Roth's Hostel and a host of films from Japan and Korea, the Saw franchise is credited with

pping the ante on horror, and even taking it well past the point where some of its fans, as much enamoured with its kitsch value as the gore, felt comfortable.

"You can even see that the censor board approves things that would never have been approved even five years ago," Hackl says. "Partly due to things like the Saw franchise, Quentin Tarantino's films, Eli Roth's films, and I think that with the media nowadays we've become very desensitized to violence."

"I don't think there's very many people who've seen it that can forget the image of a monk lighting himself on fire, all those years ago, but when you think about when that happened — that was in the '60s, and yet that was on the news, and I think the news and their portrayal of the real world has changed so much, and people can take a whole lot more.

"I think that we're willing to accept a lot more visually now."

Norton shows Pride and Glory

Pride and **Glory**

Director: Gavin O'Connor
Stars: Edward Norton, Colin Farrell

Classification: 18A

Rating: 

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Filmmaker Gavin O'Connor (Miracle) better hope that fans of this summer's blockbuster *The Incredible Hulk* follow its lead actor Edward Norton over to his new film, *Pride and Glory*.

Unfortunately, I seriously doubt most fanboys care much for a melodrama about a family of cops. Besides, there have been more flicks made about corrupt New York City cops than Dunkin' has doughnuts.

In this one, Norton stars as Ray Tierney, a traumatized detective who returns to the force at the urging of his police chief father (Jon Voight) to investigate the mysterious murder of four of NYPD's



Edward Norton stars as Ray Tierney, a traumatized detective who returns to the force to investigate the mysterious murder of four of NYPD's finest in *Pride and Glory*.

finest. Soon, Ray begins to discover his respected older brother (Noah Emmerich) and unrestrained brother-in-law (Colin Farrell) may be involved in a deep-rooted scandal.

Exploring themes of loyalty and integrity, Ray is torn between his close-knit family and the NYPD, forced to confront his own pained morality.

It's definitely a good thing Norton stars in the film. He's well cast and provides the perfect subtle intensity to the struggling detective.

In fact, the entire cast is mostly as excellent as they should be given the material, rich with detail and character.

This drama's dialogue may be its prime potency.

but it's also a drawback — at more than two hours long, the flick becomes a bit too tiresome.

With powerful performances, a dark and melancholic tone, and a climactic fight scene that delivers the punches with, well, a punch, *Pride and Glory* may be all too familiar but it's a respectably intense ride nonetheless.

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Director: Kenny Ortega

Stars: Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens

Classification: G

Rating: ****

STEVE VEALE
for Metro Canada

Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens are back in class.

It's very likely that only a handful of adults — those with children too young to drive at home — have seen the previous two High School Musical incarnations that follow the dancing and singing students of Albuquerque's Eastside High.

The movie isn't geared toward my age group, so I thought it best to bring my friend's teenage daughter and get her opinion on the third entry in Disney's franchise.

Krystal Nausbaum is not only a fan of the series, but an actress as well; she has appeared at Toronto's Young Peoples Theatre and plays Phoebe in the Emmy-nominated movie The Memory Keeper's Daughter.

ter, just released on DVD. Good credentials.

In the third entry, seniors Troy (Zac Efron) and Gabriella (Vanessa Hudgens) are making the realization their time together is dancing-by as graduation — and the spring high school musical — nears.

In Krystal's opinion, the movie was excellent, and seeing it up on the big screen — the other entries were made for TV — was a much better visual experience. This one, she added, had more singing and dancing than the previous two.

"I felt sad for Troy — Zac is even hotter in this one — and Gabriela when

they had to be separated by going to different schools, but..."

Sorry Krystal, you can't give it all away.

But what about adults? They can actually attend the movie without too much fear. Sure, the storyline is very basic, and squeaky Mickey Mouse-clean — you may doze off occasionally — but there is great energy in this film.

There is also colourful choreography and singing from kids you may never have heard of before. But you can bet the young viewers in your life have.

In Krystal's opinion: Four out of five. In mine: Three.

The naked truth: Smith takes a risk

JIM REYNOLDS
Metro Canada

FEATURE Got porn? Easily. How easily? Easily enough that a movie about two friends making a porno for money doesn't seem far fetched. At all.

"When I was younger, you had to struggle to get your hands on adult material," said Kevin Smith, writer/director of Zack and Miri Make a Porno. "You actually had to leave your house and go somewhere. Now, you can just flip open your laptop and you have at a keystroke, at your fingertips, any number of sexual scenarios..."

"To me, once it's in your home, that's mainstream, man. Even though the computer is the device that conveys it, it's just as commonplace now as the refrigerator or the microwave."

The mainstreaming of pornography is one of the issues Smith addresses in his raunchy romantic comedy about Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks). It hits theatres next Friday.

"Sex obviously is used to sell any number of things in this culture," Smith said in an interview during the



Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks star in Kevin Smith's Zack and Miri Make a Porno. It opens next Friday.

Toronto International Film Festival. "And porn sex, I think is about as widely accepted as it can be in a country like ours down south that is still a bit puritanical with its attitudes toward sex."

Smith's own feelings about living in a porn-at-a-keystroke society are shaped by the fact he has a nine-year-old daughter.

"At the end of the day, when my kid is old enough and curious enough, she'll be able to look something up online that I never was able to do when I was younger," Smith said.

"Does that unnerve me? I don't know. I hope we just raise her well enough to be like, 'Look, just understand this is not what sex truly is. This is a representation of

sex and as such, they take certain liberties."

A lack of money is central to Zack and Miri's decision to have sex on camera. They're two people playing by the rules, but they can't get ahead financially — just like a lot of people these days.

"When I was writing it, we weren't really in the throes of a really weak-ass economy," said Smith. "But now, by the time the movie's done and coming out, the economy is in the toilet. And suddenly, the movie seems very plausible. Whereas before, it was just like, 'Wow, what a whimsy this is.'"

"But now, it's just like, 'Hey man — for a quick buck ... maybe.' I kind of like that."

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This Butler isn't stuffy

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Gerard Butler has one thing he wants you to know about his latest movie, RocknRolla: "It's not brain surgery; it's not going to change people's lives, but it is really fun."

It's not that surprising Butler comes across so cavalier during a recent interview in Toronto.

After all, dressed in casual jeans and T-shirt, the laid-back actor prefers to be called "Gerry" and carries an aura of unrefined honesty about him. It's unclear whether that stems from his Scottish heritage or the assuredness that comes

Movie feature

with making such cinematic blockbusters as 300. Maybe it's just the sheer pleasure of having a job that you love.

"Acting," Butler simply offers, is the greatest part of showbiz. "There's many other things you do that are not about making a movie and I didn't know it was going to be like that, but my favourite thing is literally the pure part of acting."

It's probably easy for Butler to say that while promoting RocknRolla — an hilarious crime-caper that hits theatres next Friday.

Written and directed by Guy Ritchie (Snatch), the

drama stars Butler as a small-time crook that gets caught up in a twisted, labyrinthine real estate scam that pits him against a maniacal mobster, indestructible Russian hit men and a buddy who surprisingly comes out of the closet.

"If you were really to truthfully look in our eyes — most of the cast members — then you'd go 'these guys are having a lot of fun doing this,'" admits Butler. "I like it when people (see that) because that is what we want people to see — a movie that they have fun watching, but also that they can see everybody had fun making."

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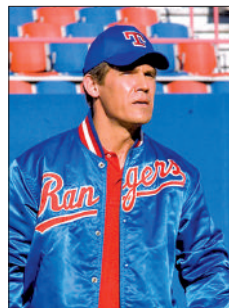
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REVIEW Perhaps the most surprising aspect of Oliver Stone's impressive film is just how rounded of a portrayal he's made of George W. Bush. Make no mistake, Stone does not present Bush as a strong leader by any stretch of the imagination, but he does at least explain how he managed to make his many mistakes in a manner that seems plausible and disturbingly relatable. Josh Brolin perfectly captures all of Bush's mannerisms without ever slipping into the realm of a Saturday Night Live impersonation. It's a truly exceptional piece of acting that solidifies Brolin's sudden rise to prominence in Hollywood.

Similar glowing comments can be made about the entire cast including Richard Dreyfus' subtly malicious Dick Cheney and Thandie Newton's chameleon-like transformation into Condoleezza Rice.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada



James Brolin stars in W.

of That '70s Show — and discovers a dark underworld that may be connected to otherworldly demons. This thriller follows suit in the respect that it certainly seems overly focused on Payne and his quest. By doing so, other aspects (the central plot twist for instance) are too obvious and unembellished. That said, Payne knows its limitations and makes no apologies; it has absolutely stunning choreography and brooding Wahlberg was made for this kind of role. Further, and maybe most importantly, this movie is big, brash and perhaps better than any other video-game adaptation out there.

Steve Gow/For Metro Canada

Max Payne

★★★★

REVIEW Max Payne is another hit video game-turned-Hollywood blockbuster. As the title character, Mark Wahlberg is an angry, maverick cop who is determined to find the savages who killed his wife and child. Shirking his civic duty, Payne conspires with a sexy assassin — Mila Kunis

Beverly Hills Chihuahua

★★

REVIEW These days, it seems Hollywood producers are all wondering the same thing: If my dog could speak, what would it

say? Well, Beverly Hills Chihuahua is the latest talking animal flick to heed that query and — according to one cheeky chihuahua at least — the answer is, "Oh no, she didn't!" Featuring the voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia and other celebs, Chihuahua is a harmless "tail" (Ha!) about a snooty, rich lapdog that gets lost in Mexico and must journey back to Rodeo Drive. Along the way, she encounters a mélange of muttering mutts and an annoying animated rat-iguana duo that, in the end, teach us life lessons.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Blindness

★★★

REVIEW Based on the acclaimed book by Jose Saramago, Blindness was deemed unfilmable. Well that was until multi-talented Canadian Don McKellar got his hands on it. The story of a city besieged by a strange disease that causes everyone to suffer a "white blindness," this film is part-allegory, part-dystopian drama. Simply put, as everyone except Julianne Moore loses their sight and are put in quarantine, society crumbles into violence and disarray not unlike we've seen in the Lord of the Flies. At times, it makes for a harrowing suspense drama, and director Fernando Mereilles adds a visual flair that will either evoke a sense of dread or simply nauseate you.

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This week's new releases
are highlighted in red.

Halifax

BAYERS LAKE

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IMAX

190 Chain Lake Dr., Bayers Lake
902-876-4800**The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:15-9**Deep Sea 3D** (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-7:45

OXFORD THEATRE

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Mark Wahlberg as Max Payne, left, and Mila Kunis as Mona Sax in a scene from Max Payne, which is currently in theatres.

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Passchendaele (14) Fri 6:30-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:30-5:05 Mon-Wed 6:30-9:05 Thu 9:15

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Television

The Tudors crowned at Geminis

Showtime's royals soap *The Tudors* and the Bob Hoskins miniseries *The Englishman's Boy* triumphed at the Geminis, claiming four trophies each.

Wednesday's ceremony — the third straight day in which Geminis have been dished out — covered drama, variety and comedy programming.

The Tudors, a Canadian-Irish co-production that airs here on the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., earned a best actress nod for Maria Doyle Kennedy's turn as Catherine of Aragon as well as Geminis for visual effects, production design and photography.

The other big winner was *The Englishman's Boy*, which earned a supporting actress trophy for Katharine Isabelle along with hardware for costume design, casting and directing. The two-parter was filmed in Saskatchewan.

Elsewhere on the acting front, the Gemini for best



Actors Jonathan Rhys Meyers and Natalie Dormer in CBC series *The Tudors*, which claimed four Gemini trophies Wednesday.

supporting actor in a miniseries went to Peter MacNeill for his star turn in *Victor: The Victor Davis Story*.

The supporting actor trophy for a dramatic series was earned by Jonas Chernick of *The Border*. Gavin Crawford won the

Gemini for best guest actor in a drama series for his work on *Murdoch Mysteries*.

The Geminis will culmi-

nate with a final night of trophy giving Nov. 28, as part of a national telecast broadcast live from Toronto.

REUTERS

Larry David fans: Curb enthusiasm for season 7

NEW SEASON HBO will start production on the seventh season of *Curb Your Enthusiasm* in December, ahead of a premiere next year.

Larry David, the show's star, creator and executive producer, is on board for the 10-episode shoot. It's been a barren year for fans of the offbeat comedy. Season 6 ran from September to November 2007.

REUTERS

News in brief

ADDITION Alec Baldwin has signed on to co-host Turner Classic Movies' signature movie showcase, *The Essentials*. Starting in March, Baldwin will introduce "must-see" movies each week, with an eye toward helping viewers better understand why these films are important and the effect they have on audiences and culture at large. **REUTERS**

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Back to 'Gossiping' for Momsen

Gossip Girl star Taylor Momsen will be back on set within days after winning her battle with an unspecified "life-threatening throat infection." The 15-year-old actress was admitted to a medical facility in Los Angeles on Sunday. **IMDB.COM**

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Mad Men joins pop culture and historical canons

IntelVision

Rick McGinnis

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GONE MAD: A week after the last episode of season two ends, *Mad Men* will officially join the pop culture trivia game canon with a spoof of the AMC show in the annual *Simpsons* Halloween Treehouse Of Horror episode.

In a segment that begins with Homer in silhouette falling slowly between skyscrapers covered in advertis-

ing images — a tribute to *Mad Men*'s iconic title sequence — the show satirizes the use of dead celebrities in advertising, according to a post on the New York Post's TV blog.

You'll have to indulge me with another *Mad Men* column — the show goes away for 9 months after this Sunday, and all I'll have to work with until then will be the negotiations between Matt Weiner and the show's producers and network to get *Mad Men*'s creator on board for season three, a sticky situation that the Post insists will attract Weiner's old employer, HBO, around the

show like some kind of well-capitalized carrion bird.

With the end of the season in sight, Weiner has been giving interviews in the U.S., including a long Q&A with *Variety* where he admitted that he'd had the whole back story for Jon Hamm's Don Draper percolating in his head for years — since before he was a writer on *The Sopranos*, in fact — but that he has only the vaguest idea of how the show will end. One thing he does know is that, when season three begins at some point after late 1962 and the Cuban Missile Crisis, John F. Kennedy's assassination

won't be part of the action.

"I know one thing," Weiner told *Variety*, "which is that I think everybody's seen enough of the Kennedy assassination. I know I have. It's certainly going to affect the show and their lives and I guess we'll see their reaction. But I definitely don't want to go through that dramatically. It's probably the most dramatized event that I've experienced in my life, at least for my age. It's something I've seen over and over and over again. As I write, I don't really know what I could add to it."

Weiner insisted that de-

spite the historical setting, the show is about "the humanity of the characters in their life, unrelated to historic events, is what I'm most fascinated by. And so to ask if I'm going to end the show when Don is 50, that's what you should be thinking about and not if I'm going to end it with Don in a disco. The whole purpose of doing this was to show how it happened and how on some level it must have affected regular people and how history does affect regular people."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

It's a deal

• Bill O'Reilly has re-upped with Fox News Channel in a deal that pays him about \$10 million a year to host *The O'Reilly Factor*.

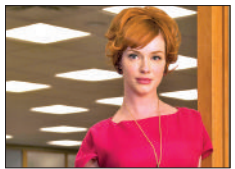
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Finale may give viewers answers

Rick's TV Picks



Mad Men

Air date: Sunday
Network: AMC

THE SEASON 2 finale is finally here, and there are so many questions: Has Duck screwed Sterling Cooper? Will we ever hear about Peggy's baby? Will Joan really marry Dr. Rappaport? How small is the closet getting for Sal? And finally, what the hell's going on with Don Draper? All — or none — of these questions will be answered.



The Guard

Air date: Wednesday
Network: Global

CANADA'S favourite show about intense, good-looking Coast Guard officials — unofficially dubbed *The Beachcombers With Guns* — returns with a story about human trafficking and adultery. Well, two stories, really, but what you imagined might actually be better than the real thing.

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The Curse of Degraffi

Air date: Sunday
Network: CTV

OF COURSE, your tastes may run to Toronto's favourite overstimulated teens coping with the big Harvest Dance, and the possession of its one-girl social committee by the soul of a dead school shooter. And yeah, I think you'd be reading this and rolling your eyes even if you were 16.



30 Rock

Air date: Sunday
Network: CTV

THIS IS probably the make or break season for the show, which will return with some wind at its back after Tina Fey's stint as America's favorite Sarah Palin impersonator. Viewers may, it turns out, prefer her to keep the red suits and up-do, and that would just be another cruel reality of show business, kids.

— RICK MCGINNIS/
METRO CANADA

FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime time 10/24/08	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny (N)		2020
	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea		Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Stargate SG-1
	11	11	11	CBC Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Force-Final	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)		The Ex List (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS (N)
	6	6	6	CHIF Entertainment	ET Canada	Life (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		The Ex List (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH etalk	Hollywood	Without a Trace (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Supernanny (N)		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Deal or No Deal (N)		Crusoe "Sacrifice" (N)		Life (N)
	55	55	55	SCOR Hockey Talk	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
	53	53	53	TSN Horse Racing	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!		CFL Football Calgary Stampeders at Hamilton Tiger-Cats. (HDTV) (Live)				
	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Innocent"				CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN News	Mixed Blessing	First Nation		Rabbit Fall		The Juror ** (1996, Suspense) Demi Moore.		
	37	37	37	BRVO Street Legal		Desperate Housewives		Bravo! Fact		Mediterraneo *** (1991, Comedy)		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Good Morning	Corner Gas		The Simpsons		Friday Night
	18	18	18	CNN (5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Greensburg (N)		Man vs. Wild "Sahara"		Mayday
	34	34	34	HGTV Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters		Build a New Life		Relocation
	46	46	46	HIST Blow Down		NCIS		Shockwave		Blow Down		Ax Men
	17	17	17	MM Punk'd	Degrassi: Next	So You Think You Can Dance Canada Top 18.				Dance		Just Married ** (2003)
	206	206	206	PIX 2001: A Space Odyssey		(8:15) Dark City ** (1998, Fantasy) Rufus Sewell.				The Faculty ** (1998, Horror)		
	39	39	39	SHOW EastEnders	Little Britain	The Best Years (DVS)		The Guard "Waheguru"		Cock'd Gunns		Kenny-Spenny
	40	40	40	SLICE Matchmaker	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	ET Canada	Wedding SOS		Crash Test Mommy (N)		End of Leash
	21	21	21	TLC What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Real Simple, Real Life (N)		Say Yes-Dress		Say Yes-Dress
	22	22	22	W House	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums		The Gift ** (2000, Suspense) Cate Blanchett.		
	27	27	27	YTV Sabrina-Witch	iCarly	Double, Double, Toil and Trouble ** (1993, Fantasy)				Smallville "Cure"		Dark Oracle

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime time 10/25/08	31	31	31	ABC College Football		Patriots All-Access		College Football Penn State at Ohio State. (HDTV) (Live)				
	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea		Checklist: A Measure of Evil		America's Toughest Jobs (N)		The Art of Woo (2001, Romance-Comedy)		
	11	11	11	CBC Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live)				NHL Hockey		
	32	32	32	CBS College Football		Entertainment Tonight		NCIS "Ex-File" (HDTV)		Without a Trace (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery
	6	6	6	CHIF Disasters of the Century		Turning Points of History		Painkiller Jane		Kenny-Spenny		Trailer Park
	9	9	9	CJCH etalk Presents Me to We		Law & Order: SVU		W-FIVE		Without a Trace (HDTV)		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX Friends	Friends	Seinfeld		MLB Baseball World Series Game 3 — Tampa Bay Rays at Philadelphia Phillies.				
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		America's Toughest Jobs (N)		The Office		SNL Update
	55	55	55	SCOR Score Update	Footy Show	BodyFight		Score Update		Woodbine PostTime		X-Fighters
	53	53	53	TSN Horse Racing: Breeders' Cup		CFL Football Edmonton Eskimos at Saskatchewan Roughriders. (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football
	16	16	16	A&E (6:30) Overboard ** (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn.		My Cousin Vinny *** (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Ralph Macchio.						
	70	70	70	APTN Tribal Treks	Musical Comedy	MYTV		Rez Bluez (Part 2 of 2)		Disclosure *** (1994, Suspense)		
	37	37	37	BRVO Arts & Minds	Bravo! Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Raising Vaihalla		Dracula: Pages From a Virgin's Diary		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comics!	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas		The Simpsons		South Park
	18	18	18	CNN This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Book of David
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Mighty Ships		Monster Moves		Vermillion "Moby Rat"		Crisis Angel
	34	34	34	HGTV Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Sarah's House		Mansions		Million Dollar Listing
	46	46	46	HIST The Real Donnie Brasco		NCIS "The Meat Puzzle"		Ancestors		Ancestors		Mission: Impossible 2 (2000, Action)
	17	17	17	MM Greek		Just Married * (2003, Romance-Comedy), Christian Kane				Greek		Dance
	206	206	206	PIX Invasion-Body	(7:45) The Deepo *** (1977, Adventure) Jacqueline Bisset.			The Wrong Guy ** (1998, Comedy) Dave Foley.		Mimic *** (1997, Horror) Mira Sorvino.		
	39	39	39	SHOW About a Girl	Kink in Hair	Beautiful		Party Mamas		Tori & Dean: Home		Housewives
	40	40	40	SLICE In Laws	In Laws	Til Debt-Part		Little People		Property Ladder (HDTV)		Trading
	21	21	21	TLC Jon & Kate Plus 8		Little People		17 Kids-Count		13 Going on 30 (2004, Romance-Comedy)		
	22	22	22	W (5:30) Big (1988, Fantasy)		Ella Enchanted ** (2004, Romance-Comedy), Hugh Dancy		Naruto		Blue Dragon		Storm Hawks
	27	27	27	YTV Charlie Brown	Garfield	Flintstones Meet Rockula						

SUNDAY

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prime time 10/26/08	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
	7	7	7	ASN Young Blades		Funniest Home Videos		The 40-Year-Old Virgin *** (2005, Romance-Comedy) Steve Carell.				
	11	11	11	CBC Heartland (HDTV) (N)		Doc Zone "The Bush Years" (HDTV) (N)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		fifth estate
	32	32	32	CBS NFL Football		60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 13		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		The Unit
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	9	9	9	CJCH Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		The Amazing Race 13		Desperate Housewives		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX NFL Football: Giants at Steelers		The OT		MLB Baseball World Series Game 4 — Tampa Bay Rays at Philadelphia Phillies.				
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Football Night in America		The 40-Year-Old Virgin *** (2005, Romance-Comedy) Steve Carell.				
	55	55	55	SCOR (6) NFL Blitz		The WWE Experience		BodyFight		Strikeforce		Poker
	53	53	53	TSN SportsCentre		Football Night in America		Boxing Bernard Hopkins vs. Kelly Pavlik. (HDTV)				SportsCentre
	16	16	16	A&E Intervention "Sandra"		The Cleaner "Pilot"		CSI: Miami "Addiction"		CSI: Miami "Rio" (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN Great Towns	MYTV	Rez Bluez (Part 2 of 2)		Music Speaks		The Mix		A Few Good Men *** (1992, Drama)
	37	37	37	BRVO Mad Men		Arts & Minds		Vida Y Danza, Cuba (N)		Meet the Parents *** (2000, Comedy)		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comics!	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs		The Simpsons		South Park
	18	18	18	CNN Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley
	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters		Investigation X (N)		True Stories-Amityville		MythBusters
	34	34	34	HGTV Green Homes	Extreme Home	House Hunters	Buy Me	Property Virgin		Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
	46	46	46	HIST Submarine: Mission Imp.		Aftermath: The World Without Humans				Deep Impact ** (1998, Drama)		
	17	17	17	MM On Set: Girl	Technical Diff.	Greek		Legally Blonde		So You Think You Can Dance Canada		Weeds
	206	206	206	PIX Professionals	(7:20) Jackie Brown *** (1997, Crime Drama) Pam Grier.					House on Haunted Hill ** (1999, Horror)		
	39	39	39	SHOW Wife Swap		The Guard "Waheguru"		Ties That Bind Accused of abuse. (N)		Work Out "In the Mud"		Biggest Loser
	40	40	40	SLICE Inside Hollywood (DVS)		Vanity Insanity		Wedding SOS		Bulging Brides		17 Kids-Count
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	22	22	22	W 13 Going on 30	Hwd 10 Best	Grocery		To Have and to Hold (2006, Suspense)		Justine Bateman.		Movie
	27	27	27	YTV The Wizard of Oz **** (1939, Fantasy) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan.				Prank Patrol		The Next Star		Falcon Beach

Music

Sebastien Grainger takes charge

Drummer/vocalist finds new musical life after breakup of Death From Above 1979

JIM REYNO
for Metro Canada

Once it's out there, there's no turning back — and that's a good thing for Sebastien Grainger & the Mountains.

The band has been touring extensively for the past two years with, as Grainger says, "very little material out there." That changed this week when the debut album Sebastien Grainger & the Mountains was finally released.

"I'm excited just for the people to have the songs in their heads," said Grainger, former drummer/vocalist of dance-punk duo Death From Above 1979, "and for when we go out to play them, for people to know what we're doing and know what the songs are ... But it has been a special trajectory to have the opportunity to play for a substantial amount of people without having that advantage. It's going to be interesting to see what the next phase is once people know the record."

The self-titled debut is Grainger's first full-length release since Death From



Sebastien Grainger's debut solo album, Sebastien Grainger & the Mountains, was released this week.

Above 1979's gold-selling album You're a Woman, I'm a Machine, which was released four years ago. Se-

bastien Grainger & the Mountains is less aggressive (not necessarily softer) than DFA79, more person-

al and with more precise hooks.

It is also pretty well Grainger's solo project. He

"As I was going through the process of recording, I found myself having trouble communicating exactly what my ideas were ... I just decided it would be easier to just do it myself most of the time."

Sebastien Grainger

intended the album to be a band record, but ...

"As I was going through the process of recording, I found myself having trouble communicating exactly what my ideas were," he said. "Given the fact that I'm able to play the instruments on the record, I just decided it would be easier to just do it myself most of the time."

But taking charge doesn't mean taking over completely. Grainger says he took a "carefree approach to certain parts of the record." Sometimes, less than perfect was just perfect.

"I was like, 'You know what? ... I could keep re-recording these parts and get them perfect,' but I was losing the spontaneity and the humanity of the thing," Grainger said. "So what ended up happening is, I would commit to takes and performances. I would

listen to it from an outsider's perspective, or try to listen to it from an objective place.

"As a result, it's a live-sounding record, a record that has this humanity."

Next up, taking the record live. Grainger has scheduled U.S., Canadian and European dates in the months ahead.

"I really feel like this record will find its audience, regardless of what publicity's done for it," Grainger said. "I think the people that need to hear it — or should hear it — will eventually hear it."

Pop Explosion

• Sebastien Grainger will be in town for a pair of shows during the Halifax Pop Explosion — first at the Converse Pavilion Saturday at 3:45 p.m., and then later that night at the Marquee Club.

Remembering punk legend Frankie Venom

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Out on Ellice Avenue near the airport used to stand a bar called the Black Knight. As Winnipeg rock clubs went, it was one of the scuzzier ones, about as far from Chuck E. Cheese as you could get.

It was windowless, dank and decrepit, and came complete with the standard rock 'n' roll odours — beer, sweat, nicotine and ozone from half shorted-out amplifiers.

My friends and I spent way too much time at the BK, simply because you could get a draft for about a buck and they'd let students and bums nurse a sin-

gle glass all night. I'm not sure if the waitresses made the distinction with us.

I have no idea how many weeks I spent watching Teenage Head from our usual table to the right of the stage. We were awestruck. First, they were from Toronto. Second, we had heard about the infamous Last Pogo (a rumble at Toronto's Horseshoe Tavern). Third, they had caused a riot at Ontario Place. And fourth, we were never really sure what singer Frankie Venom was going to do.

The Head looked and felt dangerous. Frankie refused to take any crap from any of the students, bums or wannabes that might stumble in on a Wednesday night in February. He had no trouble coming off the stage in the middle of a song to discuss things with a heckler. You

Teenage Head front man Frankie Venom died last week in Hamilton, Ont.

wanted rock 'n' roll theatre and beer for a buck a glass? Then you needed to go to the BK when Teenage Head was in

town.

To think that the band was still playing live 30 years on was simply amazing. And the fact that Frankie died young — either 51 or 52, depending

on who you talk to — wasn't necessarily a surprise. The shock was that it was something as mundane as cancer.

Like the Ramones, recognition for Teenage Head's influence came late. The surviving members will be feted with a special Lifetime Achievement Award at the Hamilton Music Awards next month. And if we ever get around to building a proper rock 'n' roll hall of fame in this country, Teenage Head should be among the first inductees.

By the way, the Black Knight is long gone. Last time I drove past, I think it was a co-operative strip club ("The club owned by strippers for strippers" — or something like that). But that's OK. The place stopped being special for me when Teenage Head no longer played there.

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New Guns album finally on the way

NEW RELEASE Guns N' Roses, the rock band whose appetite for self-destruction has left it with only one original member, will release its first album of new material in more than 17 years on Nov. 23, its label said this week.

Over the years, singer Axl Rose has promised multiple release plans and then delayed, but this time, it really seems that Chinese Democracy is on its way. **REUTERS**

TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. Whatever You Like T.I.
2. So What Pink
3. Just Dance Lady Gaga
4. My Life The Game
5. Hot N Cold Katy Perry
6. Live Your Life T.I.
7. Disturbia Rihanna
8. I Kissed A Girl Katy Perry
9. Let It Rock Kevin Rudolf
10. In The Ayer Flo Rida

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New Polish-Canadian exhibit opens

The new exhibition Art-Celebra opens tomorrow and runs through Nov. 27 at Pier 21's Ralph and Rose Chiodo Harbourside Gallery. The exhibit highlights art by Polish Canadians who are from Nova Scotia and kicks off at 2 p.m. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Out

Peter-Anthony Togni, left, and his composition Lamentations of Jeremiah features Jeff Reilly, right, on bass clarinet.

Togni gives Reilly's bass clarinet high praise

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MUSIC Dartmouth's Peter-Anthony Togni thinks very highly of Jeff Reilly and his talents on bass clarinet.

"He really is, I think, the world's greatest bass clarinet player and improviser," Togni said of the Halifax resident. "In my books, he's unbelievable and more people have to hear what this man can do. It is stunning."

People will get that ability tomorrow as Togni's production Lamentations of Jeremiah is performed at All Saint's Cathedral in Halifax at 7:30 p.m. The performance composed by Togni features Reilly on bass clarinet and the vocals of the Elmer Iseler Singers.

Lamentations of Jeremiah is a piece with ancient origins for modern times, and carries a theme of grief meeting hope.

"So here we have Jeff, this choir I love so dearly and have worked with for many years, and the Lamentations of Jeremiah as something I've wanted to write for a long time," said Togni, whose piece is commissioned by the Canada Council for the Arts.

"It's an amazing coming together of all those things."

After performing Sunday afternoon in Lunenburg, there will be a recording of Lamentations of Jeremiah for the German record label ECM Monday.

Tickets for Saturday's show are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$10 for students. Phone 420-4085 for complete ticket information.

No holds barred in Zedlacher's act

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For Pete Zedlacher, no topic is off limits.

The veteran comedian leaves the door open for everything and anything in search of laughs.

"I never tie my hands behind my back," he said. "If I have a dirty joke, I'll tell it. If I have a clean joke, I'll tell it. If I have a political joke, I'll tell it."

"I never want to corner myself into a position where I can't do something, or want to edit myself, because of certain reasons."

Zedlacher will bring this unedited stand-up style to Halifax tomorrow night as one of the featured performers for The Capital One Just For Laughs Comedy Tour, which is playing at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium for two shows at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Zedlacher is one of the top headlining comics in this country, evidenced by the fact he won the Canadian Comedy Award for best male stand-up in 2006. Zedlacher is from the northern Ontario town of Wawa, and draws his comedy heavily from his working-class roots.

"The only way to be original in comedy is to talk about yourself, and take your own perspective on it," Zedlacher said. "I think



Pete Zedlacher's comedy draws heavily on his working-class roots.

If you go

- **WHAT:** The Capital One Just For Laughs Comedy Tour
- **WHEN:** Tomorrow at 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
- **TICKETS:** Cost \$39.50. Phone 494-3820.

people can relate to me, especially with me being the Canadian on this tour. I can definitely relate to the Canadian audience."

Zedlacher likes to throw in jokes about each city he visits, too. He will come

up with the jokes about Halifax upon his arrival tomorrow.

"It's a challenge for me to keep me on my toes to open with something I'm unfamiliar with," he said of these more off-the-cuff

jokes. "It gives me some butterflies before I hit the stage."

Joining Zedlacher on this cross-Canada tour is Scotland's Danny Bhoy, Ireland's David O'Doherty and England's Hal Crutenden.

The show is hosted by American comic John Hefron.

"Everybody has a different flavour of comedy," Zedlacher said. "They're all very cool to work with."

Youth artists performing tomorrow

INDIGENOUS Six emerging indigenous youth artists will blend their contemporary and traditional styles into one performance tomorrow at Halifax's North Street Church at 8 p.m.

Titled First Voices — Music and Dance from Canada and Botswana, the group will sing individually and collectively, and do performances in dance and drum.

Three of the singers performing are from Botswana, including Sedumago Keletlhokile, the founding member of the traditional dance troupe Itereleng.

On the Canadian side, the three youth are from Atlantic Canada, including Kayla Larkin from Prince Edward Island. Admission is by donation at the door.

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Lorena Ziraldo Continued opens

ART The new exhibition Lorena Ziraldo Continued opens tonight at Second Gallery with a reception at 7 p.m. Ziraldo, a graduate of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, has produced 32 new paintings for this work.

Ziraldo's paintings are described as rich with fluid exquisite brushwork that indulge in possible expression using colour, light, space and composition.

The exhibition is on display until Nov. 15.

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ARGYLE BAR AND GRILL: Jazz night on Wednesday. 1575 Argyle St.

BEARLY'S: Tony Smith and Soul Finesse on Friday, Richie Oakley with Andrew Lambert, Mike Oliver and David James on Saturday, Blue Haze on Saturday matinee, Brad Conrad on Sunday, Dobson and Doyle on Sunday matinee, 1269 Barrington St.

BIG LEAGUES: Asia and Nu Grove on Friday. 4 Forest Hills.

BOOMERS LOUNGE: Ten Mile House on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.

BUBBLES MANSION: DJ Savory on Friday. DJ No Luv on Saturday. 5287 Prince St.

THE CARLETON: Halifax Pop Explosion with Meaghan Smith on Saturday at 8 p.m., 1685 Argyle St.

CELTIC CORNER: Gig Dogs on Friday and Saturday. Glenn Graham on Sunday, 69 Alderney Dr.

CHEERS: Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. Ten Mile House on Friday and Saturday, DJ Stickboy on Sunday. 1743 Grafton St.

COACH'S PUB: DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

COCONUT GROVE: Halifax Pop Explosion with Hilotrons, Andrew Vincent, Andy Swan, Jessie Kussin and Laura Borealis on Friday, Halifax Pop Explosion with Woodhands, Young Rival, Peter Project with More or Les, the Bicycles with Prairie Cat and Township Expansion with We're Scared on Saturday, 1567 Grafton St.

DAVE DOLITTLES: Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

THE DOME: DJ Mike Clarke on Friday. DJ Dave (The Legend) MacIsaac and DJ Mike Clarke on Saturday. DJ Stickboy on Sunday, 1663 Argyle St.

DUTCHIE'S PUB: Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

ECONOMY SHOE SHOP: Gordon Tucker on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

FIRE AND DRUM: Bittersweet on Friday and Saturday, 1919 Upper Water St.

FINBAR'S: The Plugs on Fri-



Cape Breton's the Cottars are performing on Sunday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32.

day and Saturday. Sunny-side Mall.

GINGER'S TAVERN: Jennifer Macdonald, Kim Wempe and Christina Martin on Friday, 1662 Barrington St.

GUS' PUB: Halifax Pop Explosion with Hellacaus, Gallactus, Orchid's Curse and Broke Ohms on Friday, Brutal Knights, the Endless Blockade, Attack Mode, Contagium on Saturday, Lazy James Cody matinee on Sunday, 2605 Agricola St.

HALIFAX ALEHOUSE: Kaypr on Friday and Saturday, 1717 Brunswick St.

HARBOURFRONT ROOM: Barnacle on Friday and Saturday, Tony Quinn matinee on Saturday, Casino Nova Scotia.

HELL'S KITCHEN: Halifax Pop Explosion with J-Bru, Quake, J Gutta and Joe Buck on Friday, Halifax Pop Explosion with the Winter Sounds, Kill Krinkle Club and Bad Flirt on Saturday, 2037 Gottingen

St.

THE JOLLY MUG: Sidekixx on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

LION'S HEAD TAVERN: Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

LOWER DECK: Corey Tetford, Paul Lamb matinee on Friday, Paul Lamb matinee on Saturday, Signal Hill on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Signal Hill on Sunday, Historic Properties.

MARQUEE CLUB: Halifax Pop

Explosion with GZA, Ghetosocks and DJ Cosmo on Friday, Halifax Pop Explosion with Sebastien Grainger, the Got to Get Out and Ruby Coast on Saturday, 2037 Gottingen St.

MY SON'S PLACE: Open mic with Low Rider Band on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.

NENAGH BAR AND GRILL: Bruce MacKinnon on Saturday, 30 Farnham Gate.

NICHE: Mike Cowie's

Waterbabies Jazz Quartet on Friday and Saturday. 1505 Barrington St.

O'CARROLL'S: Hawco on Friday and Saturday. Lisa MacDougall on Sunday. 1860 Upper Water St.

OLD TRIANGLE: Jimmy Sweeney and Kevin Roach on Friday and Saturday. Tristan and Andrew and Reel East matinee on Saturday. Kevin Roach matinee on Sunday, Sam and Rick on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.

OUR FRIEND'S PUB: Kitchen parties on Monday. John Snyder on Thursday. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB: DJ Trixx on Friday, DJ Fierce on Saturday, DJ Fierce on Sunday, 1721 Brunswick St.

THE PAVILLION: Children of Eve, A Slight For Sewn Eyes, Above All Else, Richard, Ten Second Epic on Friday, Brutal Knights, the Endless Blockade, Envision, Last Laugh, Genetic Angry on Saturday, 5816 Cogswell St.

PARKSIDE PUB: Saratoga on Friday, Mike Gough karaoke on Saturday, Leroy Bennett on Sunday matinee. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

PEDDLER'S PUB: DJ Mathematix on Friday and Saturday, Granville Mall.

POGUE FADO: The Saunders Brothers Show on Saturday, Soul Kitchen on Thursday, 1581 Barrington St.

PORTER'S LAKE PUB: Denoon Street Collective on Friday, Karaoke on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.

THE RED STAG: Bob Lambert musical comedy on Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

REFLECTIONS: Underdog's fifth anniversary with Robbie Rivera on Friday, DJ Headphones on Saturday, 5184 Sackville St.

RIVERSIDE PUB: Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau on Saturday, 1552 Bedford Highway.

RODEO LOUNGE: Ryan Cook matinee on Friday, New Frontier on Friday and Saturday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

THE SEAHORSE: Halifax Pop Explosion with Sports, Swedish Death Polka, Innes Wilson and Snow Picnic on Friday, Halifax Pop Explosion with White Cowbell Oklahoma and Myles Deck and the Fuzz on Saturday, 1659 Argyle St.

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Neptune Theatre

Frost Nixon opens tonight through Nov. 16. Tickets \$27 to \$45. Phone 429-7070.

clubs

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SNAUBAR: Live entertainment on Friday and Saturday. 1535 Dresden Row.

THE SPLIT CROW: Da Rock on Friday and Saturday, House Party Guys on Sunday, 1855 Granville St.

STAYNER'S WHARF: Nadira on Friday, Pam Barr on Saturday, Jeff Goodspeed and Friends matinee on Sunday, 5075 George St.

TRIBECA: Famous Players on Friday, DJ Double A on Saturday, Old Wagon Whiskey on Sunday, 1588 Granville St.

WHISKEY LOUNGE: Open mic with Louisa and friends on Saturday, 27-29 Portland St.

WINSTON'S: Shameless on Friday and Saturday. 278 Lacewood Dr.

galleries

ARGYLE FINE ART: Work by James Walker and Shaun Lowe through Sunday, Ed Beals and Kathy

Seaboyer 1869 Upper Water St.

ART 1274 HOLLIS: Works by local artist. 1274 Hollis St.

ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA: Contemporaries, Tom Forestall paintings, Nova Scotia folk art exhibition, female photography exhibition, Roots of Democracy, various dates. 1723 Hollis St.

ART-PORT GALLERY: Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

CRAIG GALLERY: Autumn Gold by the Dartmouth Visual Arts Society. Through Sunday. 10th annual Mosaic for Mental Halifax, through Sunday. Alderney Landing.

DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY: Carole Conde and Karl Beveridge: Working Culture, through Nov. 23. 6101 University Ave.

HYDROSTONE GALLERY: Jaye Ouellette: Recent Paintings. 5519 Young St.

MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY: Danish Modern: Suzanne Swannie Textil, Saturday through Nov. 23. 166 Bedford Hwy.

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White Cowbell Oklahoma is headlining a show at the Seahorse on Saturday at 10 p.m. as part of Halifax Pop Explosion. Cost is \$8.



Wayne Rostad plays at the Rebecca Cohn on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$37.

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PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY: New works by members of Creative Spirit East, Alderney Pedway, Dartmouth.

RALPH AND ROSE CHIODO

HARBOURSIDE GALLERY: Art-Celebra opens Saturday through Nov. 27, Pier 21.

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

ART GALLERY: Susan Dobson, Allan Chawner and Andrew Chubb tonight through Nov. 23, 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

SECOND GALLERY: Lorena Ziraldo's Continued opens Friday through Nov. 15, 6301 Quinpool Rd.

SEEDS GALLERY: Works by various artists from NSCAD University, 1892 Hollis St.

VEITH STREET GALLERY:

Works by Chris Jackson, Michael Seary and Mike McCarty, through Oct. 30, 3,115 Veith Street, Halifax.

VIEWPOINT GALLERY: Karen Nieuwland's Touchstones

— Chapter One, Through Nov. 2, 1272 Barrington St.

ZWICKER'S GALLERY: Works by various regional artists, 5415 Doyle St.

museums

DARTMOUTH HERITAGE MUSEUM: George H. Craig: Painter, Photographer and Visual Pioneer. Through Dec. 30, 26 Newcastle St.

MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC: Halifax vs. Louisburg: The Final Siege. Through Nov. 2, 1675 Lower Water St.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: The Whole Tooth and Nothing But the Tooth. Through Jan. 18, 1747 Summer St.

DISCOVERY CENTRE: The LEGO Show, Secrets of the Pharaohs starting today and running through Jan. 4, 1593 Barrington St.

PIER 21: Various exhibits, 1055 Marginal Rd.

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Ron Hynes and Dave Gunning are performing Friday night at Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Showroom at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25.



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Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Victoria zips up

Victoria Beckham has incorporated zips into her fashion line. Each of the 10 dresses in the Victoria Beckham Collection features a full-length gold zip in the back, running from the nape of the neck to behind the knee.

2 Kylie's calendar

Kylie Minogue has released a calendar for 2009. The photo collection shows the pop star in a range of looks — from sleek and sophisticated to a punk-rock chick.

3 Pegs

Pegs are voluminous on the hip and balloon at the thigh if worn correctly (fit is key!). These new trendy trousers could have stylistas swooning.

4 Family Guy

The recently released three-disc set of Family Guy, Vol. 6 has been a bestseller on Amazon.ca. The package features deleted scenes, a "making of" featurette, and commentary by cast and crew.

5 Journey to the Center of the Earth

The movie Journey to the Center of the Earth, starring Brendan Fraser and Josh Hutcherson, will be released on DVD on Tuesday. It comes with limited-edition 2-D and 3-D with glasses.

6 Madonna

Love her or hate her, pop star Madonna is always making headlines, be it for a racy book, starring in a movie, controversial comments or music videos, (Like a Prayer, anyone?), or adoption of a boy from Malawi. The superstar has recently made headlines for breaking up with her husband, director Guy Ritchie.

7 Rawi Hage

Montreal author Rawi Hage has garnered notice lately for his novel Cockroach. First came a spot on the short list for the Writers' Trust of Canada Awards, then he became a Scotiabank Giller Prize finalist and got a nod for a Governor General's Literary Award. Dare we say, "Write on!"

theatre

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ALDERNEY LANDING

THEATRE: Eastern Front Theatre presents Vimy. Opening tonight through Nov. 9. Tickets \$28, \$25 and \$15. Opener is sold-out. Phone 1-888-311-9090.

GRAFTON ST DINNER

THEATRE: Too Many Fish In The Sea. Begins today and runs through Jan. 18. Call 425-1961 for reservations.

HALIFAX FEAST DINNER THEATRE

THEATRE: Cape Breton Idle III. Through November. 1505 Barrington St. Call 420-1840.

events

ALL SAINT'S CATHEDRAL:

Elmer Iseler Singers with Jeff Reilly present Lamentations of Jeremiah by Peter-Anthony Togni on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$30, \$25 and \$10. Phone 420-4085.

CASINO NOVA SCOTIA: Ron Hynes and Dave Gunning

on Friday at the Schooner Showroom at 8 p.m. Tickets \$25. Phone 451-1221.

HALIFAX POP EXPLOSION:

The music festival features runs through Saturday and features over 140 bands playing at 12 venues across the Halifax. Visit www.halifaxpopexplosion.com for complete details.

NORTH STREET CHURCH:

Halifax Pop Explosion with 6015 Willow Party featuring the Got to Get Got, VKINGS, the Maynards and Play Gui-

tar on Friday, First Voices — Music and Dance From Canada and Botswana on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation. Phone 431.2311.

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Despite reports to the contrary, High School Musical 3: Senior Year star Zac Efron says he has no confirmed plans to follow Orlando Bloom as the young knave in Johnny Depp's shadow in the fourth Pirates of the Caribbean movie. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Jolie's priority is being mom

FAMILY Angelina Jolie says that her priorities have changed from career to motherhood since giving birth to twins in July, People.com reports.

"The kids are my priority, so it's possible that from now on I will make fewer movies. I may even stop altogether," the actress tells the Italian edition of Vanity Fair. "I no longer have the ambition I had in my 20s."

Jolie, 33, who spoke to the magazine while promoting her new movie

Changeling, says that as she has had more children, she's come into her own as a mother.

"In reality my life is a lot more chaotic and adventurous now. Brad [Pitt] and I pilot airplanes, we travel non-stop, we go to difficult places and we have chosen to do it taking all of the kids with us," said the mother of six. "I feel like a lot braver now than when I was an angry young woman."

Of her past, she says, "I knew little about the world and I was completely self-absorbed. It was only when I came out of my shell and started taking care of others that I found the real Angelina."

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Smiths de-stress in wilderness

PEOPLE When the going gets tough for Hollywood couple Will and Jada Pinkett Smith, the tough

go trekking. Actress Pinkett Smith reveals she and her husband pack up the kids and hit wilderness areas whenever the stresses and strains of Hollywood become too

much, imdb.com reports.

"When the going gets rough, instead of just going, we sit down and say, 'We're going to find a way to do this,'" she tells Cookie magazine. "I say, 'Will, you find out exactly where we should go in Yellowstone with the kids, and I'll do Big Sur.'"

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Happy relationship came late for Lopez

FAMILY Jennifer Lopez says that when it came to becoming happy and fulfilled in a relationship, she was a late bloomer, People.com reports.

"I have been in a few challenging ones," Lopez says. "I have been in relationships that can make you doubt who you are and what you are capable of, and doubt what you deserve. It took me a little bit longer to get it right."

The actress, who didn't single out any of her exes, has been married twice and famously dated Sean (P. Diddy) Combs and Ben Affleck before quietly marrying Marc Anthony, 40, with whom she had twins. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



50 Cent custody battle ends

LEGAL 50 Cent reached an agreement with his former girlfriend on Wednesday in a bitter custody dispute over their 12-year-old son Marquise, People.com reports.

The rapper (real name: Curtis Jackson) and ex Shaniqua Tompkins avoided eye contact as they and their attorneys

went before a judge in a Central Islip, N.Y., courtroom just before noon on Wednesday.

During the hearing, which lasted less than five minutes, a judge granted Jackson one weekend visit a month with Marquise, who will also spend half of his school's winter and spring breaks with his father.

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celebrity brief

Campbell is not pregnant

RUMOUR Naomi Campbell has hit out at rumours she is expecting her first child with billionaire lover Vladislav Doronin, imdb.com reports.

Speculation suggesting the catwalk queen is pregnant has increased since she spoke about her desire to have children.

"I'd love to have a baby. It's every woman's dream and I feel that's a huge part of my life that I'm yet to experience," she recently told Britain's Daily Mail newspaper.

Campbell's revelation that she flew to Brazil earlier this year for an operation to repair her damaged fallopian tubes only fuelled the reports.

But the star's lawyers have vehemently denied the claims, telling New York Gossip column Page Six the reports are "absolutely false and fabricated."

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Hasselhoff character stars in video game

PEOPLE David Hasselhoff has been turned into a video game action man, imdb.com reports.

The actor has been given a virtual identity for Pain Movie Lot, a new PlayStation 3 game, which will hit stores in November.

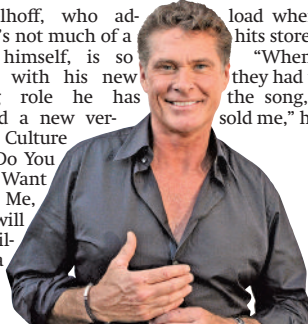
Players will be able to hurt The Hoff, as he has dubbed himself, and win points by making the actor endure painful pratfalls.

Hasselhoff, who admits he's not much of a gamer himself, is so thrilled with his new starring role he has recorded a new version of Culture Club's Do You Really Want to Hurt Me, which will be available as a down-

load when the game hits stores.

"When they said they had the rights to the song, that really sold me," he says.

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Joe's take on celebrities



You know how I know Jennifer Aniston's been back in the news recently? Because **Our Lady of Perpetual Hype** can't stop herself holding forth about her personal growth simply to knock her off the page.

Nice to see that **Angelina Jolie** has finally found "the real Angelina," not to mention an affinity for referring to herself in the third person. It's been a long search that included a trip down her brother's throat during an Oscar telecast and an extended sojourn inside **Billy Bob Thornton's** underpants. **Jolie** even threatens to stop making movies altogether on account of this evolution of the self. Hey, why not? They don't pay nearly as well as magazine spreads of newly produced or adopted children.

The new **St. Angie** is eager to paint a picture of domestic bliss, with her six children from Ethiopia, Vietnam, Cambodia and **Brad Pitt** happily cavorting and teaching one another about their respective cultures like a magical rainbow village fuelled by endless cash and privilege. I believe they even have a pet unicorn.

But think about it. The sibling rivalry that's bound to infest that household will make the **Baldwin Brothers'** infighting pale by comparison. **Maddox** vs. **Pax**. **Shiloh** against **Zahara**, and when the twins get old enough, their tag-team abilities may cause serious havoc on and off chartered globe-trotting aircraft.

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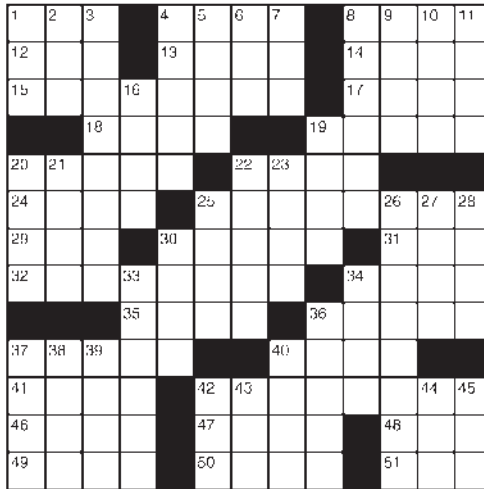
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8 Dog owner's ordeal
12 Ostrich's cousin
13 Ethereal
14 Huron neighbor
15 Suggest as a candidate
17 Ogling look
18 Division word
19 Pageant winner's topper
20 Columbus' birthplace
22 Cheese choice
24 Slender
25 Con game
29 Last (Abbr.)
30 Sprung up
31 1-Across request
32 Footballer's anti-glare smear
34 Mischievous tykes
35 Example of beefcake
36 Hibernian
37 Photo book
40 PC picture
41 Winter garment
42 Rule
46 Luau entertainment
47 Caspian feeder
48 Earl Grey, e.g.
49 Paradise
50 Say it isn't so
51 Addnl. phone no.

Crossword down

- 1 Stein or Stiller
2 Latin 101 word
3 Contemplate
4 Annual visitor
5 "Arrivederci"
6 Museum stuff
7 Catcher's place
8 Credence
9 Vicinity
10 Layer
11 Zeus' wife
16 Privy to
19 Fourth dimension
20 Collagist's need
21 Slithery
22 Impede
23 Put on the line
25 Drescher or Tarkenton
26 Make into a thin plate
27 Much of Austria
28 Netting
30 Astringent
33 Himalayan nation
34 Unyielding
36 With aloofness
37 Rue the run
38 Clamorous
39 "The Dark Knight" star
40 Model who wed David Bowie
42 Flop
43 Tramcar contents
44 John Ritter's dad
45 Chow down

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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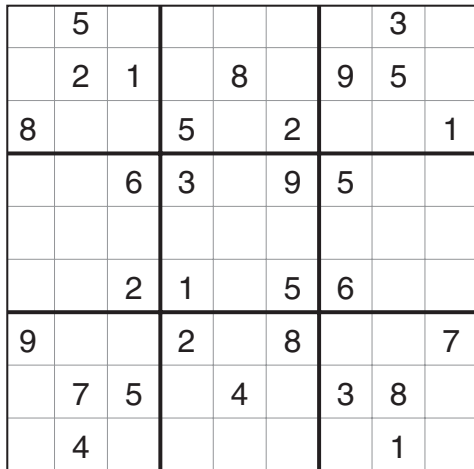
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Recipe of the day



Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onions

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved.
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
1 medium white onion, halved lengthwise and sliced
1 medium red onion, halved lengthwise and sliced
1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh thyme, chopped, or 1 tsp (5 mL) dried thyme
½ tsp (2 mL) salt
1 tbsp (15 mL) white balsamic vinegar

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Bring 1 in. (2.5 cm) water to a boil over medium-high heat. Insert steamer basket, reduce heat to medium and add sprouts. Cover and cook until crisp-tender, about seven minutes.
2. Heat oil in medium

saucepan over medium heat. Add onions and cook until browned, stirring occasionally. Add thyme and salt. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook until tender and browned, about 10 minutes.
3. Place sprouts in serving dish, top with onion mixture and toss to coat.

PER SERVING

141 calories, 5 g protein, 18 g carbohydrates, 6 g fibre, 7 g total fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 333 mg sodium.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A bizarre event causes excitement. Ask probing questions about unusual financial details. You'll receive immediate benefits.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
A madman is demanding your emotional support. Bureaucrats won't encourage feistiness. Original ideas are more troublesome than helpful.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't waste time wondering about a cruel mood. Practice your hide and seek skills. You could take someone else's place.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
A lecturing person squeezes out a cute smile. Help a paranoid friend deal with a chaotic day. Successful plays will alienate a family member.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
It's time to shun demanding people. Family members make foolish errors in judgment. Pass on an important work-related message.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
Your ability to have trivial conversations increases. You'll have to give positive feedback. There'll be joy over making a discovery.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
No one pays attention to instructions. A friend neglects to ask for your help. A treasure has life-changing potential.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
Money matters are influenced by uneasy emotions. Don't tell everyone your plans. A lack of spontaneity leaves no room for creative effort.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
Your domestic situation becomes intense. Collaborate on developing ingenious inventions. Someone's bold gestures will stun you.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
You'll be aware of potent silences. Ponder on the mysteries of being practical. Forget about your apathy and get back into motion.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll have moments of glory. Your social life is cutting into an investigation. A stubborn opponent makes a stand.

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OCT. 24, 1926: Harry Houdini's last performance, which was at the Garrick Theatre in Detroit, Michigan.
OCT. 24, 1929: "Black Thursday" stock market crash on the New York Stock Exchange.
OCT. 24, 1954: Dwight D. Eisenhower pledges United States support to South Vietnam.

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